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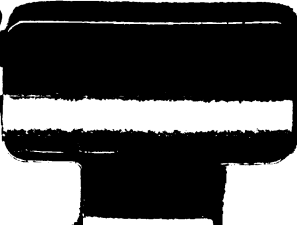
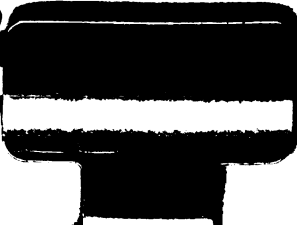
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To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting :

WHEREAS, a certificate, duly signed and acknowledged, having been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, on the 15th day of July, A. D. 1875, for the organization of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, under and in accordance with the provisions of "An act concerning Corporations," approved April 18th, 1872, and in force July 1st, 1873 :

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George H. Harlow, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, is a legally organized corporation under the laws of this State.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of State.

Done in the City of Springfield this 15th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-ninth.

GEO. H. HARLOW,
Secretary of State.

REPORT OF THE HOME SECRETARIES

PRESENTED BY

MRS. NATHAN WARNER CAMPBELL.

To the women of our great and beloved Presbyterian Church has been given to a large extent the work of carrying the gospel to those who do not know Christ, and is it not meet that this should be so? Was not Christ's resurrection first made known to a woman, and a woman sent the first missionary to tell of it to the Disciples? A precedent established by our Lord himself. This fact seems to have been lost sight of for the past 1800 years, and not until the nineteenth century was half over did we ourselves begin to realize that to us was given the privilege of sending once more our Marys as Messengers of Hope and Joy.

For just sixteen years has this Board of the Northwest been organized, and our records evidence a steady and permanent growth.

"Sweet Sixteen" is always an age of budding life, when we begin to look for the promises of the flower of womanhood. We *are* looking for greater things from the coming years than we have found in the past.

In the first year of our work we garnered about \$4,000.00. Last year *for the same district* we outstripped the churches, or to take the figures, the churches raised \$45,892 33, and the Woman's Board of the Northwest gave \$63,977.26, or an excess of about \$18,000.00. For the same year our Presbyterian sisters in England gave to Foreign Missions a little less than \$7,000.00. These figures are for the year ending May 1st, 1886, but another year has come and gone and the question is not how much better than others we have done, but

whether we have done our best. The books are closed. What is done is finished, and what is left undone, alas! must stand only as a lesson for the future.

That our earnest, zealous, self-denying workers who have been laboring and praying for all these years are still at the helm, I, who am so new to the work, need not tell you. Only one of our beloved officers has been obliged to lay down her work. Last year we were obliged to give up dear Mrs. Hoge, and this year her sister, Miss Blaikie, on account of failing health has offered her resignation as Recording Secretary. Through the whole history of the board she has filled this office and we feel the loss to be a great one.

Bereavment has come to several of our number, and we thank God that, as the gates have opened to receive our dear ones, we were permitted to catch a glimpse of the glory beyond.

Many new workers have been enlisted, and yet there are many, so many churches where there are no organizations, no work done. Where *are* the workers? Christ's cry is constantly reverberating through the land, "Were not ten cleansed, where are the nine?"

PRESBYTERIAL AND SYNODICAL.

We urge upon Presbyterian and Synodical officers the necessity of continuing and increasing by every possible means thorough organization in every church, and of pressing upon societies the necessity of increasing their gifts. I believe, if active, systematic efforts were made, another year would see the gift of every society doubled. Delegates should be sent to all Synodical and Presbyterian meetings to hear about new methods of work, and to encourage others with suggestions.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

During the past twelve months there have been organized 102 new auxiliaries, (societies and bands).

Last year we reported 1,506 societies, and this year we have, in all, 1,529.

You will observe that the number of new societies does

not correspond with the number of increase, our real increase being only 19. Why? alas! why? Because some have died. It is worthy of note that some of the Mission Sunday Schools have sustained scholarships in the schools over the sea. One in Chicago, Mosely Mission, raised nearly \$120 last year.

The enthusiasm and success of some societies on the frontiers is inspiring. They are ambitious. I wish we had *more* of the spirit of the Dacotahs. Obstacles are their glory and joy, like hurdles in the course of a spirited horse.

One woman who is already running one society, besides taking care of her house and rocking two cradles, one for her own child, and the other for the infant of a sister "gone to her reward," writes: "I know I could do more if I tried; there are so many little ways if we only think of them." Another who, she says, is "very handy at cutting and fitting dresses to accommodate her friends, now charges a little fee, and her mite box is something to be proud of." One courageous woman raised tomato and cabbage plants and sold them. Now she says her husband has grown quite brave, and does not feel ashamed to sell them for the Master's cause. One letter encloses sixty two cents in stamps, just as they were sent by a poor girl with an invalid mother to take care for, but who send several dollars in the course of the year, saved from scant earnings. It is by means of just such efforts as these that the women's boards were able to record last year \$224,000 for foreign missions.

One little boy writes that as they are "so far away, and none of the boys are fourteen years old, they think they cannot send a delegate to Davenport this year." In our planning and in our prayers we must remember these boys and girls, for with their restless energy and young enthusiasm they are the very heart of this great work.

We *must* organize the children more thoroughly.

Please permit me to mention one more of these faithful women, a wife of a minister in a large town in Illinois, who says: "I am such a busy woman, with my home duties, husband,

children, house, social duties many, church duties more, and all the missionary work among the children and young people of our large church. I have a band of 135 working in four divisions, three with monthly or semi-monthly meetings, at which I am present. I also attend the two meetings, home and foreign, held by the ladies. I am presbyterial treasurer and corresponding secretary of the Presbyterian Home Missionary Society, with forty to fifty societies under my care. Then my family sewing, dresses and all, and my much loved work of writing, to which I devote my morning hours." This is the spirit of foreign mission workers, though we should advise this friend, and all others, to give others something to do. Much of the increased interest this year has been due to the visits of Miss Hartwell, who has gone about organizing new societies, and encouraging those growing cold. From various sources we have received letters saying Miss Hartwell has awakened a new interest here in those who have never given before.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

The following missionaries have been sent out this year:

MRS. C. G. STERLING, from Madison, Wis., to Pine Ridge, Dak.

MRS. ANNA RHEA WILSON, from Lake Forest, Ill., to Tabriz, Persia.

MISS ELIZA E. MACKINTOSH, from Liberty Ind., to Bogota, S. A.

MRS. TOUZEAN, from Denver, Col., to Bogota, S. A. and one other, Miss Lawson, from Mt. Pleasant, Ia., a young lady of remarkable talent, has received her appointment to the Christian Girls' School, at Allahabad, India.

MEDICAL MISSIONS.

The cause of Medical Missions is growing rapidly. It is only within a few years that the necessity for this work has become apparent.

In the foreign fields the number of physicians averages one to every eight millions of people, *one to eight millions ! or one doctor to eight cities the size of New York.* We have 27 medical missionaries in all from our Church.

The first woman who was sent out as a missionary physician from the Board of the Northwest was Dr. Sarah Cummings, now Mrs. Porter, of Kanazawa, Japan.

We have two who graduated on April 7th of this year at the Woman's Medical College of Chicago, Miss Bradford and Miss Horton. They will practice in hospital for one year before going out to battle with disease in foreign fields. We have also a young Japanese girl, Miss Hisha Caga, who is studying in the same college.

Four are still in college, Miss Eichelberger, Miss Jacobs, Miss Smith and Miss Witter.

MISSIONARY ANNALS.

That there has been an awakening and an arousing of interest in foreign missionary subjects is evidenced by the frequent calls for missionary books ; books to interest the young people, to read in the sewing meetings of the young ladies' societies, to attract and hold the wide-awake boys and girls gathered into mission bands, to instruct those women whom neither heat nor cold, nor distance nor any other hindrance can keep from the missionary meetings, and who long for more knowledge of what has been accomplished toward winning the world to Christ.

Books are demanded also for the foreign missionary clubs which we trust will one day rival the Shakespeare and Browning clubs so largely affected in our cities and villages.

To meet this want and supply, reliable missionary reading at a price within the reach of all, the Board of the Northwest has projected a series of historical and biographical books to be called "Missionary Annals." The series will embrace biographies of the great heroes and heroines of missions, and records of those thrilling deeds associated with a nation's

emancipation from the bondage of a false religion and birth into the family of Christ.

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They will aim to tell their story truthfully and completely, and in so bright and interesting a manner as to be equally attractive to old and young. The fullest and most accurate existing records will be searched, and no pains spared to make this series of intrinsic worth to our auxiliaries and to all lovers of missions.

Most of the existing histories and biographies contain details which are not of special interest to the general reader, and these we shall omit.

The price usually charged for such books is a fatal barrier to their wide distribution.

Some of our ladies gifted with literary taste and ability and with hearts pledged to loving service, aided by others who love the cause of Foreign Missions, and are glad to spend and be spent in its service, have undertaken to prepare these books; and they will be *given* gladly and freely to the Board for the sole purpose of advancing the cause of Foreign Missions. These the Board will have printed on good paper, with clear type, and bound in cloth for twenty-five cents each, or with a heavy paper cover for fifteen cents each, including postage, or \$12 a hundred by express C. O. D.

In either style of binding they will be beautiful as well as valuable, and the unprecedentedly low price is made possible only by the generosity of their authors.

Thirteen of these books have already been planned; one is fresh from the printer and here for sale to-day, another is ready for publication, and upon others work has been begun.

Dr. Thomas Laurie, the well known author, who devoted the strength of his manhood to active foreign missionary work, gives us a life of Fidelia Fisk.

Rev. H. M. Perkins gives us what has never before been

written—a complete and extended life of his father, Dr. Justin Perkins, of Persia.

Mrs. Sarah J. Rhea, widely known in missionary circles, and the author of "The Tennessean in Persia," gives a "Life of Henry Martyn."

Mrs. Herrick Johnson puts her pen to "The Story of Fiji." Two of our Secretaries, Miss Halsey and Mrs. N. W. Campbell, write "The Story of Madagascar" and the "Life of Count Zinzendorf." Mrs. C. N. Wilder writes a "Life of Robert Moffat." Mrs. M. Wolsey Stryker and Mrs. J. H. Worcester, wives of Chicago clergymen, give us biographies of Samuel J. Mills and of David Livingstone. Mrs. C. B. Farwell, Treasurer of our Board, writes a "Life of Wm. Carey." The story of Francis Xavier will be told by Mrs. John Alling, of Chicago; of Dr. Adoniram Judson—name dear to every American christian—by Miss Julia H. Johnston, of Peoria. Miss Ida B. Robbins, of Oxford, Ohio, writes the "Life of Mary Campbell," the young missionary to the Laos.

To these thirteen we hope to add such other lives as "Alexander Duff," of India; "Robert Morrison," of China; "Dr. Goodell," of Turkey; our own Eliot and Brainerd and Harriet Newell of sainted memory.

We bespeak for these books a glad welcome and your prayers that each may perform a blessed ministry.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Our young people's magazine, "Children's Work for Children," has completed a year of unprecedented growth. A year ago we were able to report it for the first time as self-supporting. The small net balance then in the treasury has steadily and greatly increased, and the Editorial Committee feel that in the near future they can plan some much needed changes and improvements.

Enough commendation to fill many pages has reached the editor and her corps of helpers during the past year. One writes, "it grows better and better." A band leader says,

"my children are learning to *give* and to *pray* through the reading of Children's Work." Another sends for extra copies of the magazine, saying, "I want these copies for my infant scholars who have all the Golden Texts for the month. They are quite an inducement to the little ones, and we have, out of an average of sixty per month, seventeen or eighteen who have the texts."

One of our busy Secretaries of the Assembly's Board has taken time to send a letter of congratulation. He says: "We rejoice at the progress of Children's Work. * * * It is beautiful, and I am going to send a note over to the Evangelist and tell the people so."

Not less precious than these words of cheer which come from those in our denomination, are the praises which some of our Methodist and Congregational sisters have taken pains to express.

Last fall, through the generosity of some warm friends of the magazine, prizes were offered as an incentive to obtain new subscribers. The first prize for the largest number of new subscribers was a beautiful little oil painting, the work of Miss Ellen A. Holmes, of Chicago.

It was awarded to Miss Ruby McCormick Smith, a little Chicago girl, only six years old. The second prize, a charming collection of "Bible Flowers from Bible Lands," also came within the limits of our Northwest Board, being secured by Mrs. Frank Murden, of Peoria, Ill. The third, a collection of photographs of scenes in mission lands, scarcely less valuable than the others, went to Mrs. Dugdale, of Baltimore, Maryland; while a self-binder for Children's Work, offered to every one securing seven new names, has been sent to one hundred and twenty-four different persons.

A very attractive and helpful series of Missionary Search Stories was commenced in January and will continue through the year. These have been successfully used in band meetings and an increasing number of answers is sent monthly to the editor. In January there were but nine answers received, in February seventeen, and in March twenty-four.

A christian mother, whose character and attainments add weight to her words, writes: "I suppose you like to hear how much the children are interested in the magazine, and also how many get out the search stories. I enclose these that two of my sons prepared for the last meeting of our band, which I think will be but the beginning of what they will do with them all, and I know "searching" will add much to their store of knowledge.

Surprise was expressed by a gentleman that my boys knew so many facts about foreign countries, and I felt glad to say that I thought it was largely owing to the fact that they had thoroughly read Children's Work all their lives, and so they had obtained valuable information."

Encouraging as this report is, it would not be truthful were we to say no more. Among the thousands of children in the Sunday-schools of the Northwest, only about one in forty takes Children's Work. There can be but one reason for this—that the mothers do not realize the power to interest and instruct contained within its pages.

Dear sisters, if your children do not read Children's Work, will you not take it for them and encourage them to read it and to profit by its teachings?

WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN,

with its beautiful new cover, its fine illustrations, stories from home and abroad is making its own way to a firm financial basis. It is doing the work of many missionaries. We have a subscription list numbering 14,800—800 above last year's report; 3,738 only of this list are credited to the Northwest Board, representing eighteen States and Territories. Pennsylvania alone subscribes for nearly as many copies as the whole Northwest. No woman in our Church can afford to be without it, and if in every Church there could be found such material as in one of our Chicago churches, the 3rd, no woman *would* be without it. This lady, in the regular Auntie Parson's way, went about from one to another until

she had added 150 new names to our list of subscribers. We need it to become even fairly intelligent about the world.

SPECIAL OBJECTS

must still be given out, to give especial interest to young societies and to those who need an outside force to give impetus to work. Just so long as they are a means of fertilizing the soil, and of bringing more grain to harvest, they must be encouraged. During the past year we have successfully fulfilled our pledges to the Allahabad building, the Teheran hospital, supplying the desks, etc., for the Teheran school building, and finishing the African boat, besides supporting all the scholarships, Bible women and other interests. When societies undertake any special work, they should feel responsible for its support, from year to year, otherwise missionaries cannot be *sustained* in their work. If for any reason this becomes impossible, notification should at once be sent to a Secretary of the Board. The work in this department has greatly increased. Over four hundred letters have been written this year, and the responses elicited from societies show an increased and prayerful interest. As far as possible the new work to be given out is being divided into shares, stock companies, we may call them, which we hope will increase and enlarge our responsibilities and interest. When your treasurer sends your money to the Presbyterian Treasurer, she should send with it a note explaining for what object the money is sent, which will prevent many errors.

PRAISE MEETINGS

have been held in many, I wish I might say all, of the auxiliaries. They are a "means of grace," both spiritually and financially, by calling out those unaccustomed to attend the regular meetings. The treasury has shown a perceptible gain during the months when praise meetings are held. Envelopes and programmes for use at these praise meetings have been prepared by Mrs. Dr. Marsh, of Bloomington, which can always be obtained at Room 48.

ROOM 48.

The rooms at 48 McCormick Block are always open during the week, and on Friday morning at 10 o'clock are always assembled a goodly company, ready to welcome all the friends of the cause, and to hear the latest news from our missionaries. The missionaries themselves are frequently with us, occasionally bringing a native convert, from whom sometimes we hear most thrilling recitals of their trials and sacrifices. The secretaries of the assembly's board never miss an opportunity of looking in upon the lusty child of the parent board.

Sometimes, too, a young man from our McCormick Seminary attends, he says "to catch the inspiration," not unfrequently accompanied by a young lady who, too, wishes inspiration. This missionary spirit is contagious.

The following detailed statement will give some idea of the clerical work done at the rooms, though no list of statistics can fully represent it, for by far the largest proportion of this work is done by those ladies who *give their time and thought as their best gifts to the Master, with no thought or desire for remuneration*, which fact in itself should be an answer to the objection often made that "it takes ten dollars to send one to the heathen."

Letters received.....	4,289
" sent	2,292
Leaflets.....	29,112
Reports.....	2,571
Circulars.....	6,871
Monthly letters.....	15,723
Mite boxes.....	4,485
Envelopes.....	27,198
Visitors.....	1,087
Books drawn.....	116
Pages copied.....	930

LEAFLETS.

The increased demand for leaflets has been encouraging. A small price is charged for each, in order that the publishing may in no way draw money from the treasury.

We have reprinted..... 52,000

Printed new ones..... 23,500

Bought of other boards..... 4,824

Making a total of..... 80,324

We have sold, in all, to the value of \$556.86 in leaflets, question books, &c., which entirely covers the expense of publishing. And now, as we conclude this hasty review for the year, we find, after all, that we may glory only in outrunning a few; others have surpassed us.

This past year the possibilities have widened before us. If you have not already done so, read Dr. Piersons' "*Crisis of Missions*," and learn how the necessities are weighing down upon us as never before. Our prayers have been answered. The whole world is opened before us; not a country is left where we may not go freely. Infidelity is going *ahead of us* with great strides.

Young men and young women are at our doors in scores clamoring for admission to the army of Christ. Over 400 in our own church have offered themselves this year. The American board is ready, and offers to take our own candidates. Shall *we*, in this great Presbyterian church so dear to every heart, *allow our children to go a begging?* Pray no more for missionaries, or open doors, but pray for, and *work* for, and *give your money* to send those who are ready to go as substitutes for us who are already drafted, and every man and woman among us *is* drafted by the call, "Go *ye* into all the world, and preach the Gospel." *We must send our substitutes.*

For MRS. GEO. H. LAFLIN,
MRS. N. D. PRATT,
MRS. N. W. CAMPBELL,
Home Secretaries.

REPORT OF FOREIGN SECRETARIES.

With thanksgivings in our hearts and on our lips we come to-day to tell you the wonderful story of redemption wrought in the hearts and lives of heathen women through the labors of the daughters of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of the Northwest.

It is not in vain that they have left home and country and all that you hold dear, counting their loss but gain if thereby they might win souls to Christ.

He who is the light of the world has been with them. His indwelling presence has shown out through their lives and teachings; and this light has penetrated other hearts, and changed other lives, until many of the dark places of the earth have become radiant with the light of pure Christianity. Persecutions and sickness and trials have been theirs; the fine gold has been tried, but "He who sits as a refiner" has been with them, and from the "furnace fires" they have come forth as burnished metal ready for the Master's use.

We have fifty-five missionaries now in the field. Five are at home recruiting for further service; one, Mrs. Corbett, is now on her way to China. Sixty is the grand total of our army representing the board of the North-west.

There is one whose name was on our list a year ago who has heard the Master's call to "come up higher." Mrs. Mateer has exchanged the sweet service of "work for the perishing" for the crown of life and the harp of gold, and amid the "Halls of Zion, conjubilant with song," she is praising Him who came to seek and to save those who were lost. She heard the call in far-away China, but heaven was as near there as it would have been among her kindred in distant Minnesota. With aching hearts and weary hands the little band at Wei Hein laid her in her lonely grave, but the

angels will guard her tomb, keeping "watch and ward" until the great ascension morn, when she will hear the voice that shall bid her to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

From this general review of the work we will turn to the different mission fields, beginning with those nearest the base of supplies.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.

The work that first invites our attention on account of its proximity, is that among the Chippewas in Northern Wisconsin. The Misses Dougherty are still at Round Lake, bending all their energies to redeem their territory from the curse of strong drink, the Indian's worst enemy. They report progress and are encouraged for the future amid many varied experiences. A most hopeful sign is the interest shown by the young men in the Scriptures. "Out work," one writes, "moves on slowly, but it does move. Our hopes are many and our discouragements not few, but our trust is sure for it is alone in the Lord. Our school was quite large for this place during the winter. The children are improving and learning well. It is interesting to watch them as their faculties awaken and they learn new ideas. We have a quiet, attentive congregation, but our Sabbath School is not what we wish it to be, although it is enlarging."

Owing to the prevalence of sickness among the children the Christmas festival was postponed, but was finally celebrated amid great rejoicing. Since the holidays the Misses Dougherty have had three little Indian girls as inmates of their household. They report joyfully that three of their school girls have, they hope, given their hearts to the Saviour, and are looking forward to a public profession of their faith. They will have many temptations to encounter, but the earnest hope of their teachers is that they may be enabled to stand firm and thus encourage others.

Another sister in this family of missionary workers has had charge of the school at Odanah, Wisconsin. Mrs. Ells has had no associate to lighten her labors and cheer her heart

in her lonely and trying field. Owing to the enroachments of the Catholics and the isolated position of the teacher, the school has been temporarily given up. The people have suffered much during the winter, thirty having fallen victims to the measles.

The work of Miss Skea among the Sac and Fox Indians at Tama City Agency has increased in interest during the year. Some time since she wrote: "We are much encouraged; the work never looked more hopeful and we do feel that the Indians are thinking of better things. The agent they have is doing all he can to assist in helping on the good work."

A year ago Miss Skea, with her associate, Miss Shepard, contemplated moving into the Government school building, which had been offered to them for educational purposes. Some obstacles arose to prevent the carrying out of this plan, so the teachers merely occupied it as a school room. Now they have returned to their old quarters in Tama City and the Indians are pleased with the change. Their prejudices are very strong and make the work of civilization very difficult.

The work among them is necessarily very slow and often discouraging in its small results, but their hearts are being touched by the warm interest shown in their welfare by their teachers. The women and children are taught to sew, a few can use the sewing machine, and while thus engaged the "old, old story" is told to them in a simple way adapted to their needs. A number of the young men have accepted Bibles. Although they cannot read, they know "the book," as they call it, is the word of God.

Miss Fetter, our efficient missionary and industrial teacher at Omaha Agency, reports the great pleasure of seeing three of her pupils not long since unite with the church. In a school of fifty-one pupils her strength is often overtaxed, but she has been wonderfully sustained. Continued sickness during the winter caused both teachers and scholars to pass through a severe ordeal, but health is now restored with undiminished numbers.

The Indians, both men and women, visit Miss Fetter with perfect freedom, often getting her to write letters for them. They are very near her heart, and she is often able to speak a word in season that arouses in them an abiding interest. Some of the women have been truly converted. "There are a few good, devout Christian women here," she writes, "who are the salt of this church and tribe. Dear old Me Pa is one. Her faith and prayers must prevail. I wish you could see her stand up in prayer meeting, and hear her expression of faith and hope. It is wonderful."

Favorable reports come from the Welaka school, Indian Territory, in charge of our missionary, Miss Lydia Keys. The school, numbering fifty-eight girls, has passed through a very successful year. Two deaths occurring during term time produced a marked impression on the school. Both pupils had given evidence of true conversion. The Christmas festival was well attended by the friends and relatives of the children. The chapel was crowded with visitors, mostly native. As many had come from a distance, they were obliged to remain all night. They were hospitably entertained, and will long remember their pleasant Christmas at Welaka. All such civilizing and christianizing influences are factors in working out the problem of the Indian's regeneration.

Last, but not least, in our efficient corps of Indian workers, we turn to our veteran missionary, Mrs. Robertson, so long associated with the mission to the Creeks. She is still busily occupied, so much devolving upon her that every moment of her time is precious. She keeps house for herself and Felix, the Indian boy in whom she has been so long interested; is herself a Bible woman, the people going to her from all parts of the nation to be supplied with Creek testaments; is superintendent of the Sabbath school, plays the organ, conducts the weekly prayer meeting in Indian homes, and often leads the services Sunday morning in the absence of the presiding elder.

All this is outside of the great work of her life, the translation of the New Testament into Creek. This is now all in

print, but is not all yet in circulation. Much of the past year has been spent in revising Mathew, working first in advance of interpreters, and then, with the help of as many as could be secured, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian. Mathew, the first book translated, was done before any of the missionaries knew enough of the Creek to see whether the translator had exactly expressed the idea of the original. It was in the main well done, but there remained much to be done to render it perfect. Rev. Mr. Gilman, secretary of the American Bible Society, had it prepared for Mrs. Robertson's work by having two copies cut up and pasted on paper, so as to give room for corrections.

The native ministers are supplied gratuitously with the Creek testament through the kindness of the Bible society. This gives Mrs. Robertson the opportunity of talking with them in their own language as to the meaning of different passages, or of pointing out important ones. The hours thus occupied are among the happiest of her life. Truly she will have a noble and enduring monument of her lifelong and devoted labors among the Creeks.

MEXICO.

There have been some changes in the Mexican field the past year. However, we have lost no workers, and have gained one new one. It is a pleasure to report the good work done in the Monterey school in spite of many disadvantages. Miss Cochrane was obliged to return home in the summer for rest, and Miss Fannie E. Ward was left to bear the whole burden of the school for some months until an assistant could be found. Nov. 10th Miss Mildred M. McKnight arrived, and has done what her health would permit toward relieving Miss Ward, her chief duty being the teaching of the younger classes. About forty boarding and day pupils have been enrolled this year, and there seems to have been good progress made intellectually, and what is better, unusual spiritual growth. An evidence of the latter is the fact that the girls unanimously chose to use the \$20

given the school for a Christmas feast, in buying materials from which they made garments for the poor of the Church. The afternoon before Christmas they carried these to the homes of the needy ones, and returned with beaming faces, every one happier in giving than she could have been in receiving. Miss Ward has organized a Foreign Missionary Society for the women and girls, has started the custom of having each girl write to the Society in the States which supports her; but best of all, the Monterey teachers have organized a society called "The King's Daughters," which the native preacher considers productive of more good than any work yet attempted. The members of this Society have done much visiting among the sick, blind, lame and aged, who cannot attend Church; also the families of inquirers and new members, to talk, read the Bible, pray and sing. The girls consider the privilege of making these missionary visits a great reward.

Last September Miss Cochrane was married at her home in Wisconsin, to Rev. M. E. Beall of the Presbyterian Mission in Mexico, and returned with him to work in a new station. They first went to Lerdo in the new Laguna district, which Mrs. Beall describes as a very interesting and needy field; then made a tour, visiting a number of churches. By a new decision of the Mission they are now appointed to San Luis Potosi, which will be their home this year.

Miss Wilma Jacobs returned home to Chicago last March, much broken down with the burdens of Fresnillo school and church work. After several months of quiet and nursing, she had largely regained health, was married to Rev. Hubert W. Brown of the Presbyterian Mission in Mexico City, and returned as his helper in the Lord's work. Mr. Brown is appointed an instructor in the Theological Seminary, which will soon be moved back from Ylalpan to Mexico City. He is also assistant of that powerful instrument for the enlightenment of all Spanish-speaking people, the paper "El Faro." Mrs. Brown has charge of the children's page in this paper, furnishing a story, either a translation or drawn from her

own imagination. This will probably lead to other work in translating. The Fresnillo school, if we are correctly informed, is being carried on by a pupil from Zacatacas.

SOUTH AMERICA.

While Japan, Siam, Mexico and Africa have of late been becoming familiar to us, as here and there the gospel has lighted up their dark interiors, South America seems still to be very largely in the shadow.

Our Woman's Board has been represented in but three stations, two in the East and one in the West of that great continent.

Although Mrs. S. D. Houston has not been able to return to her work at Sao Paulo, we are glad to know from her what has been going on there. The year's report is most encouraging. Nineteen persons have been received on profession of faith, the church building has been newly painted, and the people's contribution toward the support of their pastor shows an increase. A new parsonage has been provided for him and the people have hopefully shouldered the debt of \$1,600 and pledged to pay it within a year. The Ubatuba church has suffered much from persecution, yet its roll has added eleven names of those faithful ones who have signified their willingness to burn at the stake in their love for their Master. Mrs. Houston expects soon to return to São Paulo, and carries with her our loving thoughts.

It is a cause for regret that one of the lights in Brazil had to be literally put out on account of the financial condition of the Board. The Rio Claro school, where Mr. Dagama and his family have worked so faithfully the past ten years, was closed in January. Gradually the parents have come from near and far to take home the forty little children who had expected to remain for years; until now only one little girl is left, and no one knows where her parents are. In the ten years of its existence about one hundred and sixty children have attended this school, most of them remaining several years, and have been trained in industrial classes and taught

the elementary studies. The day school has been in session all the year around. The Misses Dagama are at present taking a much needed rest, but will always find ways of working for the Master, whose service they love. Their untiring zeal is an example to us all. The sewing society of the church continues and has realized considerable money by the sale of articles made from the materials sent last August by kind friends in the States. The pews of the new chapel are paid for and they are now working for an organ.

We must become acquainted with two new missionaries and their station at the same time. Last December Mrs. J. G. Touzeau and Miss Eliza E. Mackintosh reached Bogota, U. S. of Columbia, and became our connecting link with the work of Christ in that land. They found the school building to have been formerly a convent. In 1861 the Liberal Government came into power and broke up a large number of convents. In many cases old women were then driven forth who had not seen the outer world since girlhood. In this building the newcomers found several missionaries faithfully and successfully struggling to prepare their little flock of children to go out into the world and meet triumphantly the latest phases of infidel philosophy which are taught in the government schools. Our ladies entered immediately upon the study of the language. Mrs. Touzeau took charge of Mrs. Caldwell's children, while she went to assist her husband in a tour for preaching and selling Bibles. Both these ladies are full of hope and earnestness, and we are glad to think of them and remember them in prayer as *our* missionaries.

AFRICA.

In Africa, judged by man's ways, the work with which this Board is connected looks rather discouraging. Our work is limited and embarrassed, our missionaries are laid aside by ill health, yet we see the work is of God, and He will take care of it.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Campbell, who have been doing

vigorous work in the Gaboon mission since 1880, have been compelled to leave Baraka, and return to America, on account of the continued ill health of Mr. Campbell.

Both husband and wife were well equipped, and adapted for a work which they loved more and more, and which was giving tokens of fruit already, despite the interference of the French Government, who have established a protectorate in that part of Africa. Their influence will go on, widening among that people, as the generations come and go.

It will be remembered that from a Foreign Mission Society of native women at Baraka, formed by Mrs. Campbell, came last year, the largest annual offering to the treasury of this Board, *in proportion to their means*, every sent by any other Society.

The little book, "Here a Little, There a Little," translated by Mrs. Campbell, is not yet in print, but will soon be, and will prove a valuable help in teaching the natives of all ages, the simplicity of Gospel truth.

The African boy, Njângâ, who came to this country with Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, and was kept in school during their stay, returned to his home with them, and last June his brief life here was ended. He trusted in Jesus, and was not afraid to die.

Miss Harding remains at Kangwê, on the Ogovê river, in excellent health, and with undaunted spirit. Though her school is nominally closed by the French, and the persecutions by the Romish priests are a hindrance and a trial.

One of these priests became so violent that he was re-proved by the commandant, and the result of this excessive zeal on his part, is a more friendly attitude of the official toward the missionary.

Miss Harding visits, in her boat, usually, on an average, two towns a day, five days in the week, reading and teaching the people who collect about her.

She is learning the dialect of a neighboring tribe, the Fanwes, who are eager to be taught, and she is printing on a small press, a primer in the Mpongwe.

The people grow more eager to learn, and are anxious to know when she will be at their village that they may be ready to listen. They even broke up a marriage palaver to gather about her with her books and music.

A "revival" had continued some time, with growing interest. In September forty-three joined the inquiry class on probation. Two were baptised, one of whom was her first pupil in Kangwê. In December, twenty-three had joined the class. Eight of these were women, and on communion Sabbath in September, the first woman's prayer meeting was conducted by Miss Harding, nearly every one taking a part. Weak, small twigs of the vine though these may be, they may by Grace become strong, fruit-bearing branches of the True vine.

From our teacher at Clay-Ashland, Liberia, and from the work at Benita, we have no direct report for the past year. We know that all school work is restricted by the French, because of their jealousy of American influence, yet the missionaries find ample scope for their efforts in other means for evangelizing the natives. And if Americans may not keep a share of the work to be done in that vast continent, for the spread of the Gospel, we may still rejoice to see the Lord glorified, and souls redeemed from the power of sin, in His own way, and by instruments of His own choosing.

SYRIA.

We do not look in vain for Rev. Wm. Bird's interesting letter in answer to our question, "What of the night in our Lord's own land?" He says: "Of a truth it is night here, and all over the continent of Asia, which contains more than half the human family. Still there are lights in many a home, and many a village and city, fed by pipes laid along the depths of the Mediterranean and the Atlantic." The retrenchment from which our Syrian work has suffered so seriously has prevented us from increasing the number of

village schools in the Abeih field, although some towns have begged that teachers be sent them. The village Aramoon, which we reported last year as having awakened from the spiritual slumber which caused it to be known as Sleepy Hollow, has this year endured sore trial. The faithful native teacher and his wife died from the effects of poison, and nearly twenty other Protestants were injured by it, some being brought to the borders of the grave and many made ill for weeks or months. The poison is supposed to have been put into the water jars which the people stand outside their doors by some one hostile to the Christian faith. The school was closed for a time, but is now resumed and prosperous. Another school, which has been keeping its foothold on the outskirts of a large village of Maronites, waiting its chance to get within the barriers, has now achieved the victory, and proclaims Christ from within, meeting little opposition, except from the priests, and the people seem to have a way of silencing them by threatening to become Protestants if they do not cease their opposition. In other towns the people are awaking to ask what this doctrine is, and are holding meetings for study and prayer.

Mrs. Bird has not forgotten her contribution to foreign mission work at home, and has sent an article for our magazine. Last spring she visited our girls' school at Sidon, and the occasion is remembered with pleasure by the pupils. In this Sidon school we have Miss Rebecca M. Brown as our representative. With her the year has been one of happy usefulness, and excellent preparation for the coming year, when she and her sister will have entire care of the school. Last summer Miss Brown visited Jebaa, the cool, healthful resort of the missionaries on the slope of one of the Lebanon mountains, and also spent some time at the Abeih girls' school. For three months after the opening of the fall term she assisted at the Tripoli school, Miss Le Grange being in America on her vacation this year. At Christmas time she returned to Sidon, and helped arrange a very successful Christmas entertainment for the scholars. Miss Brown re-

ports forty-one boarding pupils and from fifty to sixty day pupils. There is a quiet religious interest, but there are not as many as they desire, asking, "What must I do to be saved?" Our scholars in Tripoli are cared for in Miss Le Grange's absence by Miss Holms, who has been assisted first by Miss Brown and then by Miss Bird.

During the week of prayer in Syria such congregations gathered in various parts of the country to hear the preachers as have not been known there for centuries. The faith of the Christian laborers on the field had not dared to expect such a condition of things for years to come. Churches were crowded every night, and far from its costing a man everything he had to show any interest in Protestantism, all classes, even the wealthy and influential, openly attended the meetings. Let us pray, with our missionaries, that the Spirit will bring the seed sown to a blessed harvest.

PERSIA.

When in 1871 the separation took place between the American Board and the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, one of the Commissioners of the former said: "In resigning Persia to the new Board we are giving away the brightest of our crown jewels." We understand this when we remember that Parthians, Medes, Elamites and dwellers in Messopatamia went back to their Persian homes after the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the feast of Pentecost, preaching everywhere a pure gospel. It was only after the heresies of later years and the withering influences or Mahomedan conquerors had rent the church in twain that it lost its power. It was this thought that inspired Christendom in 1829 to begin the work of foreign missions in Persia, and the work has gone on until now we have mission stations at Teheran, Oroomiah, Hamadan and Tabriz.

At Taheran the Shah has just granted a concession for a hospital which will be under the direction of Dr. W. W. Torrence. The land is secured, the funds for the erection of the building (the larger part given by Mrs. Ferry, of Lake

Forest), is in the hands of the missionaries. The central part will be erected this year, and when completed will accommodate 100 patients. The old mission property has been sold and ground more favorably located has been purchased on which new buildings are in process of erection. A perpetual right of water for twelve hours a week, brought into the premises through an underground passage a half mile long, has been secured.

Until the completion of the new buildings the school continues in the old quarters under the direction of Miss Bassett and Miss Bartlett. During the summer vacation Miss Bassett was set upon by three large dogs and severely bitten. Under the care of Dr. Torrence, to whose home in the mountains she was taken, the wounds healed and she was able to begin work in the autumn. The reports from the schools are most encouraging. Miss Bassett writes of two of the pupils who have recently united with the church.

Mrs. Torrence and Miss Dale are meeting with much encouragement in their work among Jewish women and children. Thirty-six are sometimes present. A more ignorant class of women could scarcely be found, never having heard the story of creation, of the flood, or the wandering of their *own people in the wilderness*. The contrasts in Persia are marvellous. After describing the houses of the poorer and middle classes, Mrs. Torrence gives a pen picture of a room in the palace of the Shah. She writes: "From the ceiling hang stalactites covered with regular bits of mirror which form a thousand facets from which are reflected the colored lights without. They in turn are reflected in a pool in the centre of the floor which is paved with glazed tiles, making a scene suggestive of fairy land." Such is the grandeur in a land where knives, forks, chairs and bedsteads are unknown among the common classes. The women spend hours and often days in the bath and hair dressing. Long braids of shining hair hang from the back of the head, whilst bangs are universally worn over the forehead.

The poorer classes live in the midst of filth and a poverty

which passes description. From all classes are gathered the pupils of our schools. Under its refining influence they go out changed in every way. The work does not cease when they leave the mission. Going to their homes they become centers of light, and through their teachings and influence we hear continually of new converts won to Christ. One of our workers writes: "It seems to me as if I were living a thrilling story, with scenes akin to those of the Arabian Nights. I am never homesick, although the strangeness of all things makes me at times very restless."

At Oroomiah Miss Dean and Miss Morgan opened the school October 6th with forty-two pupils, increased later to fifty. Among the new faces were six from the mountains. Esther, who entered the school four years ago, will graduate next year, and then return to her dark village home in the mountains to open a school there.

A married woman, a simple, earnest Christian, is enrolled among the younger scholars, having entered the school with the purpose of becoming a Bible reader and a helper to her husband, Anno, who is in the college preparing for the ministry.

Small-pox has been prevalent, and one of the boarding pupils, a sweet, consistent, Christian girl, died from the dread disease.

Seven of the former pupils entered the school in the fall, in order to review their studies preparatory to opening schools during the winter. This is one of the most encouraging features in the work. In educating one girl we are helping many. After leaving school they not only open schools, but organize prayer meetings, Sunday schools, and reading circles for the study of the Bible. This, and the development of Christian character, followed by lives of purity and holy living, makes each village to which our girls return like a beacon light, around which gather those who desire to know of Him who is the Light of the world. Great interest is manifested by the friends of the pupils in the examinations, at which the recitations alternate between the scholars in the

boys' and in the girls' school. The ability of the girls to make their own garments has had an influence on the women. The missionary meetings, where the condition of other countries are reported upon by the girls, are well attended. There has been a spiritual awakening in this school with marked results. Mrs. D. P. Cochrane, in writing of one who had recently accepted Christ, says: "Her convictions of sin were deep, but when the light broke in upon her, her realization of Christ and his salvation were equally vivid. The genuineness of her conversion was proved by her abiding joy, simple faith and consistent life."

The return of Miss Van Duzee was a joyous occasion to the little band of workers, giving strength when it was greatly needed.

Mrs. E. G. Cochrane, who, with her son, Dr. D. P. Cochrane, has charge of the hospital, tells us of five thousand patients who have received treatment at the dispensary, or in their own homes, during the last year. Among the former was a young shepherd, from Koordistan, who listened attentively to the Bible readings, but could not comprehend that Christ could forgive sinners until he had first taken revenge. But when he heard the passage read in which Christ likened Himself to a good shepherd, he asked, "Does Christ love me as I love my sheep? O, now I understand how He can forgive my sins."

The joyous welcome with which Jews, Native Christians and Mahomadons went out to meet and welcome Dr. and Mrs. Alexander and their "wee birdie," on their return to Hamadan, in November, found an echo in our hearts, as we thought of the Jewish maidens in Mrs. Alexander's school who were longing for her return. During her absence the school was conducted by Miss Montgomery, and very marked progress was reported in all branches of study, including Hebrew, Persian and English.

Many, besides Dr. Alexander's family, were uniformly present at family prayers, and often the boys in school led in prayer at evening devotions. Mrs. Alexander, in speaking of

the converts among the Koords, says: "No one can know these young Koords without having his faith increased; daring all things for Christ's sake; trusting all to Him; fearing only Him." Referring to the past, she writes: "Many a time the way was dark, the demon of persecution was close on our footsteps, but our help was from God, the same God who controlled angry flames and stopped mouths of lions within the borders of this land centuries ago." She speaks also of the opportunities of sowing the good seed among those who apply at the dispensary for advice and medicines.

In no one of the missions is there a more devoted band of workers than at Tabriz. Mrs. Van Hook and Miss Holliday have charge of the girls' boarding and day school.

One of the girls in the boarding department was the daughter of a Said, or direct descendent of the False Prophet. Nearly all were from homes in adjacent villages, and entered the school, as at all other mission stations, half clad and covered with vermin. The first lesson to be taught is cleanliness. When clothed in neat but simple garments, their faces soon take on a new expression. Their teachers are object lessons, showing them what christianity can do in developing a pure and noble womanhood. The desire to be like them leads to alacrity in study, and under refining influences they are transformed into gentle and attractive girls. Step by step they are led, until there comes into their souls a hungering for Christ and his righteousness, and they accept Him as a personal Savior. The practicable use made of their studies, even in physiology are remarkable. Speaking, one Turkish, one Armenian, and others Caldean, their progress is at first slow. One of the first graduates has married a native pastor, and they have gone a journey of several weeks to Geog Tapa, where, among another race, speaking another language, they have opened a station for foreign missionary work. Mrs. Van Hook says: "It seems like a benediction on the school to have its first graduate go out thus as a Foreign Missionary.

An interesting feature of the work at Tabriz is the assem-

bling of the native women at the mission, or at the houses of those who will open their doors for Bible reading, to Miss Jewett. In summer she visits the villages on the plains and on the slopes of the mountains, and crowds gather to hear of the matchless love of the friend of sinners. The noisy chattering ceases, and as the listening ear takes in the sweet story of redeeming love, many a rude and noisy woman is transformed into a gentle, loving disciple of the Lord Jesus. All the time that she can spare, Miss Jewett gives to the translation of tracts, to be scattered among the people. For four months her work was hindered by the illness of Miss Holliday, Miss Jewett devoting nearly all of her time to the care of the invalid. Miss Holliday is now able to leave her room, and all are hoping for her complete recovery.

All hearts at Tabriz are rejoicing in the arrival of our beloved Annie Rhea. She left her home at Lake Forrest, in October, as the wife of the Rev S. G. Wilson. From her childhood it had been her desire to return to the land of her birth, the country where her father laid down his life in the service of his Master. She rejoiced when the call came for her to consecrate her rich gifts and acquirements to the cause of Foreign Missions, in her beloved Persia, and she went out from among us carrying with her the benediction of many relatives and friends. God grant that she may be the means of leading many of the sin-laden daughters of that land to a knowledge and acceptance of Christ.

INDIA.

Beginning at one of the most southern points of our territory, we find Mrs. Lucas at Allahabad, still in active supervision of schools and zenanas. She is eagerly looking forward to the day when the new boarding school for girls will be ready for occupancy, and will become the radius of a circle of ever widening influence. A deeply interesting field of usefulness is being here opened, one that cannot but enlist the sympathies of all who are working for the elevation of woman. The school buildings, it is hoped, will be soon ready

for the pupils, who are gathering from the city and the surrounding country. From our last reports, they were going up rapidly. When completed they will be very suitable and convenient. There is no school of the kind nearer than Lucknow, 150 miles away.

The principal of this school will find a great work before her, and will be warmly welcomed by all the mission circle. Mrs. Lucas writes she will have a field of usefulness open to her second to that of no lady missionary in India. We are delighted to announce that Miss Mary Lawson, who is fully competent in every respect to be at the head of such an institution, has been appointed by the board to this position, and will sail in September to enter upon her duties.

Of Mrs. Warren's work at Gwalior we have had no recent report, but we know from her record in the past that she is still actively engaged in mission work. She is the only American missionary at this station. The church for which she has labored so many years, when finished, will be a monument of patient and persistent effort. It illustrates the power of littles, the funds for it having been collected by Mrs. Warren in small sums from all classes of people.

Mrs. Warren is superintendent of the Sunday school, averaging about 140 pupils. It must be a picturesque and interesting sight to see the children gathered in the roofless walls of the unfinished church, sharing their pictures and texts with the men of several native regiments near by, who are constant attendants on the Sunday school.

Our equally efficient and devoted missionary, Miss Mary Pratt, is still at Jullundhar, striving to bring up the Normal School to her standard of excellence. Miss Pratt's powers of organization are said to amount to genius. In addition to the Normal she has charge of five village schools, and has recently opened a school in her back yard for sweeps. The second day she had twenty-eight in attendance. She needs a co-worker in her arduous labors. She speaks of the delight afforded by occasional visits from Christian friends, of the rare pleasure of seeing a sympathetic face across the table at meal

time. Under the combined pressure of over-work, loneliness, heat and ill-health, especially the latter, Miss Pratt's brave spirit succumbed for a season, and she was obliged to go to Allahabad for rest to body and mind.

We are happy to report her again at Jullundhar, writing of the Normal School: "If I live I shall see it a success, a thing worth having. I think the Lord means to save it. I pray daily for His blessing."

Miss Given and Miss Downs are still at Lodiana, assoaiated together in the care of schools and zenana work. They have been six years in India, and their constant friendship has been a pleasant feature of their missionary life. Their pupils number nearly 200 in schools and zenanas. Both schools are for Mohammedan girls. A letter just received from Miss Given gives an interesting accouut of a visit to Rupar, a sub-station of Lodiana about fifty miles from that place. She says:

"Miss Downs and I find plenty of work to do here among the women, and we have met with hearty welcomes wherever we have been among them. We find them, in both city and villages, quite willing to listen to us. Indeed, often a woman speaks out of the crowd, 'Now read that from your book,' or 'Sing us a hymn.' It is very pleasant to be invited to deliver our message in this way."

Mrs. Kelso writes from Saharampur of increased opportunities of enlarging the work had she sufficient helpers. In addition to the charge of schools and zenanas she has had the care of the orphanage. She speaks of the comfort the missionaries take in knowing that friends at home are praying for their success.

We are sorry to hear from Mr. Bergen of the continued ill health of his wife, usually one of our most efficient workers. The long, protracted illness of her two boys was a great strain upon her nervous system. When they were fairly convalescent she succumbed, and is now completely prostrated. What she cannot do herself she endeavors to do through others, but it is a great trial to be laid aside, even for a time,

from active work. Our sympathies are with them both in their affliction, when the lesson of patience and endurance must be learned.

No report has been received from Mrs. W. J. P. Morrison, but we suppose she is still at Ambala. The care of her little family must take up much of her time. She is doubtless still interested in the schools and zenanas.

Miss Esther Patton has sent a very interesting report of the Panhala school, which has had an average of thirty pupils during the year. One of the brightest girls has been taken away by fever. She gave good evidence of a change of heart before her death, and was much regretted. The girls have made good progress during the year, Christian, Mohamedan and Hindu playing and studying together in peace and harmony. Under the influence of the gospel the girls are gradually giving up their old superstitions. The monthly exhibitions of reading, recitations and compositions have done credit to the school.

Miss Patton and her native assistant regularly visit the homes of the girls. A house near the missionary compound, where there are a number of widows, has also been visited several times at their earnest request. The women are always glad to see them, and are proud of the progress of their children, but do not care to learn themselves. Miss Patton accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ferris to the Himalaya mountains, and after a delightful and much needed rest there, reports herself in fine health for the duties of the coming year.

Miss Pendleton has passed a busy and successful year in her important position of principal of the Christian girls' boarding school at Dehra. She considers it the best year since her connection with the school. The health of the pupils has been in the main good, and their progress very encouraging. The school numbers 103 pupils, whose average attendance and scholarship has been higher than ever before. Several efficient workers have been sent out during the past year for zenana work in Dehra and other places. The corps of

teachers has also been recruited from the ranks of the pupils. Nearly all the older girls are Christians, ten of them having recently made a profession of their faith in Christ.

These are among the more visible fruits of the school work. There are other signs of improvement that are very gratifying. A steady development of Christian character has been very noticeable among the girls, showing the presence of the Holy Spirit in their hearts. They are learning to think for themselves, and increased womanliness and thoughtfulness are the results.

In August Miss Pendleton attended the annual meeting at Lodia, and before returning home visited all the boarding schools for girls between Lahore and Benares, six in all, besides orphanages. The trip was a very enjoyable and profitable one. Above all, it was very gratifying to see and hear of the good work done by the girls sent out from the Dehra school. Several of these are filling important positions.

One most interesting case, illustrating the upward progress of woman in India, is that of Chundramukhi Bose, one of the former pupils of the Dehra School, who, during the past year, has been appointed superintendent of the Bethune school at Calcutta. The Indian Messenger, the leading organ of Brahmoism, contained a very complimentary notice of this appointment. The following paragraph, taken from it, is significant of the change of public opinion in India: "We congratulate Miss Chundramukhi Bose upon her appointment as lady superintendent of Bethune school. This school is the leading institution for the education of females in Bengal, and it is no mean triumph of the cause of female education that, within a few years of the university being opened to our women, a competent native lady is found to hold such a responsible office."

Dehra School has the honor of having opened the University to women in India, by passing this one of her pupils. She was the first girl in India to stand such an examination; the first to receive the title M. A., and the first woman to take such a responsible position.

We are indebted to Miss Seely, of the Philadelphia Board, for a full report of our schools in Fultegurh. We have four there the Hoffman, the Granville, Harriet Newell and the Pierson. Of these, the Hoffman, now taught by "Samita," instead of "Tulsa," is the largest and the most promising. The number of names enrolled is forty. The Granville School, numbering twenty-one pupils on roll, has not made as good progress on account of change of pupils. Some have married and gone away; some have died; others attend only occasionally.

The Harriet-Newell is a very good school, numbering twenty-five pupils. The teacher has been very faithful, and deserves great credit for bringing his pupils on so well. They are making good progress in all their studies, and seem to understand fully what they learn. The Pierson has twenty pupils. This, again, is unfortunate in not being able to keep the girls any length of time. They are constantly changing, which is very much against their steady progress. The teachers of all these schools are industrious and anxious to have the girls improve. It is not their fault if circumstances are sometimes against them.

Mrs. Robert Morrison, of the same board, reports some changes in our schools at Rawal Pindi. Instead of five, we now have two, as she has found it best to unite the three Hindoo schools into one large school of 150 pupils, and the two Mohammedan schools into one, somewhat smaller. She thinks this union advantageous in every respect, and productive of good results. "There are," says Mrs. Morrison, "in the united school of Hindoo, three teachers, all Sikhs, and all men, and one pupil teacher. The first class girls read very fluently, and can write almost anything to dictation quickly and well. They have read this year several of A. L. O. E.'s books, translated into the vernacular, and last year they read Pilgrim's Progress.

"The Mohammedan school, though in pretty good order just now, has not made as much progress during the year, owing to the death of the teacher. In both schools

we have some nice, bright girls, whom I hope we may be able to keep hold of until they acquire a good, substantial education."

SIAM.

The very mention of this country awakens deep interest, for it is one in which the King and high officials favor the coming of Christian influences. Not by words only, but by substantial gifts they help to hasten the good day when Buddha's priests and worshipers shall know and love a better God.

One of the first questions asked is, "What has become of Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Peoples, who so bravely undertook work at the new station of Lakawn, 75 miles from Chieng Mai?" The year has been a grand one for them for they have seen the field opening before their eyes, until in a few months it became impossible for them alone to meet the cry of need for soul and body which daily came from pleading hearts and lips at their door. Famine and sickness drove the wretched people to those who they found had come among them, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. The bodies were patiently, lovingly cared for, and the sweet story told, until, as in so many lands and ages, the souls awoke to feel their bitter need. So the interest deepened, until Dr. Peoples said: "O, I wish I could preach all the time!" More speedily than is often possible their prayers and appeals were answered, and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Collins sent to their aid. Dr. Peoples went to Bangkok to meet the newcomers and obtain much needed rest. For a time Mrs. Peoples remained alone at Lakawn to care for the flock, but later joined her husband, and the whole party is probably now at home in Lakawn.

Dr. McGilvary says that Dr. Peoples' success in erecting a permanent home is without a precedent in that land for expedition and economy, and that his reputation as a surgeon is established by several difficult operations. Two adults have already been admitted to the church. The blessing of God has plainly rested upon the new station in the year just closed, and the outlook for the future is most hopeful.

Miss Lizzie P. Westervelt has sent us the report of the Chieng Mai school, to which our scholarships there entitles us. Since last May the school has been under the joint supervision and instruction of Misses Griffin and Westervelt. There have been 31 names enrolled, and the girls' interest in study has constantly increased. The industrial class has grand results to show in the line of plain sewing and the pupils' acquirements in Bible knowledge would surpass those of many children in our home schools for one year. Two children have been admitted to the church and others have applied. Some cases of discipline have been necessary, and one bright pupil has been called to be a slave in the palace, because in a time of distress her ancestors put themselves under royal protection. A need most severely felt is that of suitable books in the Laos language. The lack of them makes the problem of Sabbath keeping a serious one.

A new building for the school is well advanced and will be occupied when the teacher's dwelling is completed. Dr. McGilvary's testimony concerning this school is that it has good discipline and teaching, and he regards it as one of the most hopeful and permanent influences in the mission.

Miss Jennie B. Nielson keeps warm our interest in the Petchaburi School by her good letters, and this year Miss Jennie M. Small, of Denver, has joined her, and we have thereby another gifted letter writer, as well as ardent worker.

During the first part of the year, Miss Nielson gave the greater share of her time to her boys' school, and accomplished the best results possible with her limited means. Recently, Miss Nielson has received a gift of money which will enable her to secure much needed improvements in the accommodations.

Last October, Mrs. McLarens departure for Bangkok made it necessary for Miss Nielson to take charge of the girls' school in addition to the boys', and, as was to be feared, her health has suffered. She writes hopeful of soon resuming her work. We highly value her enthusiastic devotion to the Master's service and quickness to see and seize every oppor-

tunity, as well as her delightful letters, which inspire us, and we hope this life may be tenderly guarded.

In the year past several of the girls and boys have united with the church. In May a Woman's Missionary Society was organized; the first in Siam. Its meetings have been the most popular of any religious services, and the offerings generous.

At Petchaburi, more than at other stations, our missionaries are brought in contact with the high Siamese officials. The Governor of the Province has placed four of his daughters in daily attendance at our school. Coming in carts, with their accompanying slaves, they create quite a sensation. Both they and their father lament the coming of vacation seasons.

The Prime Minister has a country seat at Petchaburi. He sometimes visits the schools, and during his last stay in that city he gave an elaborate dinner and entertainment for the missionaries. The last letters tell of preparations for the coming of the King himself to Petchaburi. Without doubt our missionaries seized their opportunity, and we wait to hear of the good seed sown among the great and small who thronged the city on that occasion.

At Bangkok the changes have come which last year's report caused us to fear. Miss Laura A. Olmstead struggled on until last spring, assisted only by a native Christian girl. Soon after the arrival of Misses Cole and Henderson her nervous system gave way. She is now in this country, bravely endeavoring to regain strength that she may return to her devoted pupils. Miss Cole took charge of the school, Miss Henderson helping her in all ways possible to one just beginning the study of the language. As is customary, when one missionary steps into the place of another, the trained assistants left them, and new ones had to be taught. Gradually, however, obstacles were overcome, and all now runs smoothly. The outside schools had to be discontinued for this year, but they expect to re-open one of them soon, in a building of their own, where they can also hold religious services.

Hopeful as is the outlook in Siam, we have not yet fulfilled our whole duty toward her. Land and buildings have been offered at various places if we will send teachers, but the already overburdened band there can spare none from its ranks, and the church at home fails to send sufficient reinforcements.

CHINA.

Miss Hattie Noyes furnishes us with very satisfactory reports of our school work in Canton. A very pleasant feature of one of the day schools is the fact that a mother and daughter both have an interest in the school; the mother, who is a bible woman, supervising, while the daughter teaches; both educated in the boarding and training department of the school in Canton. In these departments we have thirteen scholarships. Sixty of these pupils have been employed as helpers by our own and other missions.

Our report, one year since, left Mr. and Mrs. Fulton, with their sister, Dr. Mary Fulton, quietly settled in the province of Kwang Sai. Their station, Kwai Peng, is 350 miles west of Canton. A hospital was in course of erection, while soldiers and other in-patients were accommodated in a temporary mat-shed erected for the purpose. The sudden persecution which came upon them (May 6th) by a mob (instigated by the Chinese students from other districts, attending a literary examination, and who were violent in their hatred to foreigners), destroying all their property, personal and belonging to the mission, barely escaping with their lives, also the destruction of the property of the natives who had befriended them, has been such a matter of record that we will not repeat. They have since been residing in Macano, but will soon return to Kwai Peng, the Chinese government having reimbursed them for their losses and given the surety of future protection.

Mrs. Farnham is sure she has nothing to report since her thirty years of active service in mission work has passed into other hands, but we are quite sure that we can read "between

the lines," as she recites the common, ever-day affairs of her life, much that entitles her to an honorable mention.

Our school work in Shanghai is under the care of Mrs. J. N. P. Smith. Larger accommodations have been secured for the schools, so that forty pupils can be accommodated, instead of twenty-seven, as in former years.

The report of our ten scholarships in the girls' boarding-school at Ningpo, is from Mrs. John Butler, who will have the charge until the return of Mrs. McKee. At the close of last year the mission in Ningpo had decided to take the advanced step of requiring all girls in the school to unbind their feet. They expected this would diminish their number of pupils, but they were agreeably disappointed. Instead of disaster, blessings have followed.

It seems strange to come to Chefoo and not find our long-tried workers, Mrs. Leyenberger and Mrs. Hunter-Corbett, at their post. Upon Mrs. Leyenberger's leaving Chefoo our girls' school passed into the hands of Miss Fannie Wight, of the New York board. More comfortable quarters are needed, but the depleted treasury will not admit of this. However, Miss Wight cheerfully writes: "I am getting accustomed to the barrenness of the rooms and the children are beginning to look beautiful in my eyes."

Miss Ellen Ward, who left us in company with Miss Wight, eighteen months since, destined for school work in Peking, has found the climate unfriendly, and was obliged to lay aside her study of the language and seek the more bracing air of Chefoo. She hopes soon to commence work in visiting among the women.

The meeting of Presbytery is in many respects to our missionaries what the feast of the Passover was to the Jews, the great gathering of the year when the faithful with their households are privileged to enjoy communion with and the sympathy of their fellow laborers.

Our last word of Mrs. Hays, of Soochow, was while on her way to Shanghai. She speaks of her anticipated pleasure

in meeting, and looking into the faces of those she has learned to love.

Soon after our last annual meeting came the sad message that our dear Mrs. Robert Mateer was gone. Her life of cheerful constant trust furnished the evidence that "for her to die was gain." One of her co-laborers writes "God has made his consolation abound in this hour of darkness." One who knew something of the trials which Mrs. Mateer has passed through in that isolated station writes: "I am glad such an example of courage, love and trust has been left to us. Mrs. Mateer lived to see this station fully equipped; she early established a school for boys, as girls required closer supervision than her duties would allow."

After Mrs. Mateer's death Miss Jennie Anderson spent some weeks in Chefoo, returning in the early autumn as Mrs. Laughlin. She writes: "The whole trend of the work goes to show that we are only very feeble agents of a mighty power, working in a way we cannot at all understand." Mrs. Laughlin spent five weeks in the Autumn itinerating in company with her husband and during their visit to some sixty villages she saw the fruit of Mrs. Mateer's work in the kindness with which she was received.

Mrs. Paul Bergen's account of her work in Chenanfoo is as follows: "Having little experience in leading, she gathers her class of women for Bible study, and at the opening confessed to them her inexperience, telling them of her earnest desire after their spiritual well being, taking them into counsel as to the part of the Bible in which they should study. They asked that they might begin with the first chapter of Matthew, asking also that in connection with their lesson, they might "study the Catechism prepared by Mrs. Nevius." Speaking of the personal of the class, Mrs. Bergen says, "silks, satins and rich furs sit side by side with coarse cotton and all take their turn in answering questions upon the lessons."

JAPAN.

One note of thanksgiving comes up from all our workers

in Japan, of their merciful preservation from the pestilence which has "walked in darkness and wasted at noonday."

The growth of the work in every department has been almost phenomenal, the schools outrunning accommodations, and the strength of the teachers, with the demand for more room, and helpers, quite beyond the ability of the treasury to supply.

The work of the board of the N. W. is almost entirely within the stations of Osaka and Kanazawa. In the former we have Mrs. Chas. M. Fisher, Miss A. E. Garvin, Miss Antoinette Warner. Miss Garvin's work in Osaka has heretofore been largely among the women of the two churches, having a few girls under her care.

Early in the year the Osaka mission sent their request to our Board to build suitable school buildings. While waiting for these to be erected, Miss Garvin and her assistant, Miss Warner, set about converting their own little house into a school room, "reserving only the corners" for themselves. Here sixteen girls were received. So many were the applications that more room was necessary and an unused hotel was hastily transformed into a school home.

At the close of their first term, their numbers had increased to twenty-five. January first they opened in their new quarters with appropriate exercises. Both the churches in Osaka have contributed towards the support of this school from their scanty means, and individuals have sent in from one to twenty-five dollars apiece, one woman giving \$100.00.

We must not for a moment suppose that what fills our schools in Japan to overflowing is because the people in the main desire our religion. Our *civilization*, of which our education is one of the factors, is what they are after.

The government of Japan has taken one step in advance toward true civilization, in placing the bible among the catalogue of books to be studied in their schools.

Miss Warner, who joined the mission a little more than a year since, will assist Miss Garvin in the school, while both will retain their work among the women.

Mr. and Mrs. Winn, the pioneers of the Kanazawa station, are sadly missed from their work in the school and church, as well as from the social life of those who remain.

Outside of her medical work Mrs. J. B. Porter feels it her duty to throw around the sixty young men in Mr. Porter's school all the elevating and healthful influences in her power. She has arranged a reading-room in her own house, making it as cheery and homelike as possible. To this room these young men are welcome. A book-case is also there, but alas for the books. These young men are in every way equal to the same number gathered in our own land.

We take up Miss Hesser's work where we left it last year. Appropriations were made for an addition to the building, and an assistant appointed.

Miss Hesser immediately commenced the work of enlargement, and as soon as completed started for the port of Yokohama, where she met her assistant, Mrs. Naylor. They joined a company of teachers from the school in Tokio, who were going for a few days rest to a mountain retreat in that vicinity. After ten days rest, which was very needful to Miss Hesser, they started homeward, reaching Kanazawa Sept. 1st.

Of the fifty girls who have enjoyed the benefits of this school during the year, eleven have made a profession of their faith in Christ, and others are inquiring the way.

Mrs. Naylor began to serve immediately in the use of her voice and at the organ.

As we have followed, almost around the globe, the representatives of our Board, in their aggressive warfare against the powers of darkness and sin; have we not caught a glimpse of the coming glory of our King? If by our efforts we can hasten the day when "He shall reign from sea to sea," shall we count any self denial, any labor on our part too great by which we can add to the efficiency of the work at home or abroad?

Awake thou that sleepest.—Arise and put on the whole armor of God. Work whilst the day lasts.

In Moorish characters, on the freize of a room in the Alhambra, is repeated over and over again, "There is no conqueror save God." God is our leader. In his all conquering name, and with our hearts aglow with the inspiration of the cross, let us go on unwearily, "Until He whose right it is, shall reign Lord of Lords and King of Kings."



TREASURER'S REPORT.

MRS. C. B. FARWELL, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from Auxiliaries, Bands and individuals during the year closing April 20, 1887.....	\$65,843 73
Interest on Medical Fund.....	73 50
Sale of and Gifts for Annual Report, Leaflets, etc.....	721 89
Sale of Memorial Volumes.....	17 25
Miscellaneous.....	403 45
	67,059 82
Balance on hand, April 20, 1886.....	697 66
	\$67,757 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid William Rankin, Treasurer Presbyterian Board of Missions.....	\$61,602 50
" Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treasurer W. Ex-Com.....	308 85
" Rev. James Allison, Treas. Freedmen's Board....	50 00
" Medical Missionary Education	175 00
" Central Committee expense.....	188 26
" Printing Annual Report, Leaflets, etc.....	1,219 93
" Salary of Assistants.....	1,495 00
" Office expenses, stationery, postage, janitor, express, insurance	865 19
" Organizing societies and extending work.....	794 63
" Rent of additional room.....	233 33
" Special objects beyond estimates.....	1,019 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands, April 20, 1887.....	367 79
	\$67,757 48

RECEIPTS BY SYNODS.

Presbytery of Boulder.....	\$425 97	
“ Denver.....	851 28	
“ Pueblo.....	612 42	
Total from Synod of Colorado....		\$1,889 67

Presbytery of Bismarck.....	\$ 51 00	
“ Fargo.....	155 66	
“ Pembina.....	108 04	
Total from Synod of Northern Dakota...		\$309 70

Presbytery of Aberdeen.....	\$ 80 25	
“ Central Dakota.....	199 77	
“ Southern Dakota.....	74 40	
Total from Synod of Southern Dakota...		\$304 42

Presbytery of Alton.....	\$532 78	
“ Bloomington.....	2,602 15	
“ Cairo.....	526 00	
“ Chicago.....	18,103 18	
“ Freeport.....	1,488 19	
“ Mattoon.....	783 98	
“ Ottawa.....	675 11	
“ Peoria.....	2,255 57	
“ Rock River.....	926 86	
“ Schuyler.....	1,177 78	
“ Springfield.....	1,830 75	
Total from Synod of Illinois.....		\$25,902 30

Presbytery of Crawfordsville.....	\$1,307 85	
“ Fort Wayne.....	1,097 91	
“ Indianapolis.....	2,203 45	
“ Logansport.....	1,055 72	
“ Muncie.....	413 84	
“ New Albany.....	1,518 72	
“ Vincennes.....	699 65	
“ Whitewater.....	1,081 08	
Total from Synod of Indiana.....		\$9,328 17

Presbytery of Cedar Rapids.....	\$1,404 04	
" Council Bluffs.....	692 82	
" Des Moines.....	947 16	
" Dubuque.....	451 88	
" Fort Dodge.....	454 46	
" Iowa.....	885 54	
" Iowa City.....	515 76	
" Waterloo.....	465 09	
Total from Synod of Iowa.....		\$5,816 70

Presbytery of Detroit.....	\$4,615 63	
" Grand Rapids.....	378 95	
" Kalamazoo.....	825 61	
" Lansing	378 67	
" Monroe.....	728 47	
" Saginaw	1,418 19	
Total from Synod of Michigan.....		\$8,365 52

Presbytery of Mankato.....	\$ 430 82	
" Red River.....	227 90	
" St. Paul.....	3,945 81	
" Winona.....	514 17	
Total from Synod of Minnesota.....		\$5,118 23

Presbytery of Hastings.....	\$ 229 97	
" Kearney.....	125 25	
" Nebraska City.....	462 45	
" Niobrara.....	78 86	
" Omaha.....	599 18	
Total from Synod of Nebraska.....		\$1,495 71

Presbytery of Bellefontaine.....	\$ 770 58	
" Huron.....	693 86	
" Lima.....	699 58	
" Maumee.....	818 88	
" Zanesville.....	80 00	
Western Seminary.....	212 19	
Total from Synod of Ohio.....		\$3,270 04

Presbytery of Montana	\$ 291 59
" Utah.....	81 75
Total from Synod of Utah.....	\$323 34
Presbytery of Chippewa.....	\$ 102 13
" La Crosse.....	58 47
" Lake Superior.....	1,678 50
" Milwaukee.....	980 07
" Madison.....	526 64
" Winnebago.....	444 68
Total from Synod of Wisconsin.....	\$3,790 49

I hereby certify that I have examined the Cash Book accounts of the Treasurer of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, for the year ending April 20, 1887, compared vouchers with the entries made, and find the same correct.

H. M. SHERWOOD, *Auditor.*

CHICAGO, May 6, 1887.

The TREASURER said:

The receipts for the year just closed are larger than ever before. They were in 1884, \$66,512.31; in 1885, \$59,851.49; in 1886, \$65,779.21; and as reported above, for 1887, \$67,059.82.

This is the offering which the women of the Northwest lay to-day upon the altar. May He who, standing over against the treasury, immortalized by His gracious commendation the two mites of the poor widow, bless also our gift. No eye but His has seen, no heart but His has felt all the sacrifices here represented. The year has been remarkable for the steady flow of small streams. Considerable individual gifts have been received in only a few instances. Little rills coming from near and from far have united to create the steady flow. The earnest prayers which have, in many cases, accompanied otherwise inconsiderable offerings, have no doubt been recorded on high. Very precious also have been the reports of the formation of new societies which still in their struggling infancy could give us nothing but their prayers. Touching incidents of offerings coming from aged saints, also the gifts of sweet children, just learning how much "more blessed it is to give than to receive," might be told.

Great improvement in the systematic transmission of gifts has been noticed during the year. Not the least of blessings is the educational progress that is going on among all who put their hand to this work. In no other way are we so often twice blest. A great increase and development has been noticed in special offerings.

How did we ever get through the year without some occasion, when as American Christian women we could assemble and out of full hearts express our devout gratitude for all the blessings that crown our lives? How little did that earnest young society in Denver realize what an electric chord they were touching when they proposed the first praise meeting! As travelers on a mountain journey often stop in mid-ascent for refreshment, in breathing the purer air around them, that they may be ready for attempting the frowning heights still above, do we not also find refreshment in looking back over accomplished work, saying, "Hitherto hath God helped us?"

Are we not beginning to realize to what dignity we are called in being assistants to God, in being co-workers with Him in overcoming the wickedness with which this world is running wild? We are daughters of a King, and our Father is giving us plenty of His work to do. When the tabernacle was to be built in the wilderness, with the men came the wise-hearted women offering their services. Their deft fingers alone could form the embroidery for the adornment of the splendid curtains. We are asked to do our part in molding living hearts. We can help to form the bright minds of the women of India and of other lands, bringing cheer and brightness into their isolated homes and desolate hearts. Can there be nobler work than this?

God's watchful care over our country through all its thrilling history; its present prosperity, its magnificent destiny; our condition as American women is favored above the women of all the nations; our mother's prayers; our Christian homes in a land of Sabbaths; our Christian training. What heart does not swell with emotion as we recount these causes for gratitude?

If there still remains a society which has not tried this sweetest and most spiritual method of raising money for the Lord's service, we would urge you to delay no longer in inaugurating in your midst the thrice-blessed praise-meeting.

How timely has been the thought of our general secretaries in endeavoring to associate the delightful festival of Christmas with missionary work! How readily we recognize the fact that this is a time for coming with gifts. Many a tender, wise-hearted mother has deprecated the effect of the ordinary observance of Christmas. In this festival we commemorate the birth of Him who was the incarnation of all unselfishness. Has not the ordinary observance seemed to promote the opposite quality? We shall be doubly grateful to our secretaries if in instituting this dime offering, they have helped us to present to our children a great object lesson in Christian giving.

While we strive to make the birthdays of our children joyful with appropriate gifts, should we not strive, most earnestly, to make them feel that the most appropriate way of marking the birthday of our Savior, is

by self-denial for His sake? The heathen have been promised as His inheritance, the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession—how delightful to think that even the gifts of children may help to bring Him into His inheritance! The enthusiasm with which children in heathen lands have sent their offerings should stimulate us to effort that our own more favored dear ones are not left behind.

If we are familiar with what Dr. Pierson calls, "the great bulletin boards of Missions"—the missionary magazines—we must constantly be impressed with the wonderful character of the times in which we are living.

Fifty years ago, Cardinal Wiseman deliberately wrote a book, which he called "The Failure of Protestant Missions," showing their utter futility. At that time there was some show of reason for his position. After eleven years of continuous labor among the Chinese, the Church Missionary Society said: "There are no reasons that justify the continuance of the Mission." In a morning paper, a few days since, in the Associated Press dispatches, to be read by a continent, was an account of a great missionary meeting in London, presided over by a member of the English nobility. To-day successful missions literally girdle the globe. No one can touch this car of progress without feeling its momentum. The enthusiasm is contagious. In one of our Chicago churches, during the last winter, an earnest young woman organized a club for the reading of missionary literature. You will not be surprised to hear that even in these days of clubs, this one immediately became one of the most flourishing.

It becomes us to study these bulletin-boards. The reaper is overtaking the ploughman. Missionary essays written in November are stale reading in May. In Japan, the most wonderful revolution recorded in the history of the world, is in progress. Sagacious statesmen are advocating the *education of women*; the government is calling for *Christian teachers*. In China hoary conservatism is giving way. A *railroad* has just been successfully opened! An edict of toleration has been issued! The hermit nation is unsealed! Incredible transformations are going on in Papal lands. The spires of Protestant churches are rising under the shadow of St. Peters! We, as a society, are specially interested in a most Providential opening for Christian work in the old capital of Persia. The Mohammedon officials feeling nothing but despair in their own institutions, have permitted the opening of a hospital! Ready for such a time as this, in our own American minister, Dr. Pratt, we have an enlightened and accomplished physician, willing with pen and tongue in any way to aid the new enterprise. This hospital made possible by the generous gift of one of our own number, is a tree of *our own* planting. Shall we not water it freely with our prayers and with our gifts?

The mission in Siam has long been interesting and prosperous. Most cheering intelligence has recently been received, making us feel that the time is even now come when "Kings shall be thy nursing fathers and their Queens thy nursing mothers." Miss Small, in a letter just received, says: "A royal visit is now in progress! The King and Queen and royal family are now in Petchaburi." Writing in the midst of the excitement she says: "The chapel is crowded with strangers, listening to the preaching of the missionaries! Missionary literature, Bibles and tracts, are eagerly bought and read by the royal attendants. The King, in riding about the city, notices the school buildings and expresses his approbation. Having heard that the missionary physicians had been especially useful not long since, when a government gunboat had exploded, causing loss of life and dreadful suffering, he ordered the Prime Minister to write a letter of thanks. After coming to the city he made inquiry of work done in the hospital and expressed so much interest that a report of the year's work was sent to him. Miss Cort also prepared a letter showing the work done among the women and in the schools, which was sent to the Queen. The next day the King sent a message to the gentlemen, desiring an interview. They supposed they would have a formal audience in the reception hall, but instead they were taken to the royal drawing-room. His Majesty met them at the door, shook them warmly by the hand and invited them to be seated. He conversed with them in the most friendly manner possible, assuring them of his hearty co-operation and his willingness to assist in all they are doing. He expressed pleasure at seeing the little school houses, and hoped that soon similar schools would be opened all over the kingdom. He also called the Minister of Education and instructed him to furnish whatever text books or other aid should be asked for mission schools; said he should always be glad to encourage *American missionaries*, as he believed they were laboring for the good of his people. Before they left he presented to Dr. Thompson a handsome silver medal, to Mr. Dunlap a gold chain, to Mr. Cooper a beautiful gold pencil, and to the native medical assistant a well-filled purse, saying, "These are tokens of my *appreciation*; they will serve to keep the occasion in remembrance." In reply to the report sent in, the Private Secretary handed Mr. D. two letters, one from the Queen, assuring them of her sympathy, and giving to the schools and to the Old Ladies' Home, about to be opened, 1,800 ticals—\$960; the other letter was from the King, addressed to the gentlemen, commending their work and granting 2,400 ticals—\$1,440—to enlarge the hospital. Can we not all unite with the enthusiastic young missionary and say, "Is not this glorious news? Have we not great reason to praise God for the encouragement He is giving us in our work here in Siam? All along the way we can trace *His Hand*."

Thus more than ever we see that the "*Field is the world*."

And who are these that fly as a cloud and as doves to their windows? Is not this the time when "Thy sons shall come from far and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side?" Fifteen hundred and twenty-five young men and young women have offered themselves for work in foreign fields during the past winter, from the different institutions of learning in our midst.

If these young persons feel it to be a duty to offer themselves for this work, have not Christians a corresponding duty? The Missionary Boards have all they can do in sustaining the missionaries and their families now on the ground. Does not this offering on the part of young people call for new gifts from Christians? Can any offering be more precious than the one they have made? No such offering of living young men and women has been made since the day of Pentecost. Does it not bring a fearful responsibility? In this great emergency, this solemn crisis in the history of missions and of the world, in view of our own responsibility, does it not become us to come back to first principles and ask ourselves what devolves upon us, what ought reasonably to be expected of us as Christians?

Phillips Brooks has recently said: "The essence of that by which Jesus overcame the world was not suffering, but obedience. Yes, men may puzzle themselves and their hearers over the question where the power of the life of Jesus and the death of Jesus lay, but the soul of the Christian always knows that it lay in the obedience of Christ. He was determined at every sacrifice to do His Father's will. Let us remember that, and the power of Christ's sacrifice may enter into us and some little share of the redemption of the world may come through us, as the great work came through Him."

When we have laid our whole selves on His alter in a new consecration, all other giving will be easy.



REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIAL SECRETARIES.

COLORADO.

NAME OF SOCIETY AND BANDS.	No. of Members.	Wom. W'k Taken.	For Mis'y Taken.	Child. W'k Taken.	Amount Contributed.	NAME OF SECRETARY.
PRESBYTERIES OF DENVER AND BOULDER.						
Mrs J. G. Cowden, Pres. Pres't; A. P. Tinker, 1875 S. 15th St., Pres. Sec.; Mrs. B. R. Ragland, 915 Broadway, Pres. Treas., Denver.						
Denver Central Church	40	4			\$470 50	Mrs. G. W. Cole
Young Ladies.	40				120 00	Miss Holme
Samaritan Band.	11				8 57	
S. S. Offering.					100 00	
Infant Class.					160 00	
Capitol Avenue Church.	12	12	8		78 58	Mrs. Reigner
Gems of Light.	19	1		10	60 47	Miss Katie Detrick
Westminster Church.	18				15 70	Mrs. M. E. Cleave
Highland Church.	21	8	1		28 50	Mrs. M. S. Smeigh
Mission Band.						
Twenty-Third Avenue Church.	25	7	11		38 00	Mrs. S. R. Dimock
Willing Workers.	25			14	45 00	Miss Bertha Feldwich
Young People's Council.					2 76	Miss Cora Scott
Boulder.	23		4		20 00	Mrs. J. E. Bemus
Young Ladies Band.	19		2		15 75	Miss Mamie Baylor
Longmont.	11		20		20 00	Mrs. W. W. Secor
Idaho Springs.	12	8	1	1	9 25	Miss Etta Phipps
June Mission Band.	10					Miss Gertrude Noxon
Fort Collins.	24	8		2	51 66	Mrs. J. N. Davidson
Mission Band.	20				14 56	Miss Kate Lee
Golden.	15		7		5 00	Mrs. W. G. Smith
Greeley.	18		10		300 00	Mrs. J. G. Reid
Apple Blossoms.	20					Miss Nellie Clark
Georgetown.	10	1	1		12 15	Mrs. John Stromberg
Tinmath.	18	6	1		4 00	Mrs. A. M. Horner

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Laramie, Wyoming.....	10	1	10	...	6 00	Mrs. J. E. Gates
Chyenne, ".....	...	...	...	...	50 00	Mrs. McCandlish
Annie Laughlin Band.....	...	...	...	...	10 00	
Rawlins, Wyoming.....	...	...	...	...	...	
Total.....	425	48	74	27	1581 45	
SCATTERING SOCIETIES IN COLORADO.						
Colorado Springs.....	87	8	3	3	\$458 67	Mrs. M. J. Kennedy
Young Ladies.....	21	3	...	...	17 70	Miss Jennie Lee
So. Pueblo Mesa Church. . .	15	8	...	15	48 55	Mrs. W. L. Graham
So. Pueblo Bessemer Church...	...	...	...	...	35 00	Mrs. Kate F. Brown
Mary L. Cort Band.	...	...	...	...	...	
Canon City—Willing Workers..	20	1	1	2	55 00	Miss Jessie Yard
Trinidad.....	16	6	3	...	10 00	Mrs. J. H. Corley
S. School.....	...	...	...	...	35 00	Mrs. Thos. Brown
Albuquerque.....	...	...	...	...	...	
Leadville.....	...	...	...	...	...	
Total.....	109	26	7	20	659 92	

DAKOTA — NORTHERN.

Mrs. C. B. AUSTIN, Bismarck, Synodical President.

Mrs. E. W. DAY, Lisborn, Synodical Secretary.

Mrs. J. A. BROWN, Arvilla, Synodical Treasurer.

PRESBYTERY OF BISMARCK.						
Mrs. C. B. Austin, Pres. Pres., Bismarck; Mrs. Hoke, Pres. Sec'y; Mandan; Mrs. C. S. Weaver, Pres. Treas., Bis- marck.						
Bismarck.....	17	4	2	10	\$40 00	Mrs. W. H. Winchester
Mandan.....	11	1	..	..	11 00	Miss Sadie Lanterman
Total.....	28	5	2	10	\$51 00	

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PRESBYTERY OF FARGO.						
Mrs. F. M. Wood, Pres. Pres., Fargo; Mrs. D. H. Twomey, Pres. Sec'y, Fargo; Mrs. Wm. Lloyd, Pres. Treas., Jamestown.						
Jamestown	17				\$92 96	Mrs. H. B. Allen
Lisbon	18				19 40	Mrs. J. K. Marsh
Tower City						
Lamour Prairie Gleaners						
Quincy						
Fargo			10		50 00	
Total					\$163 36	
PRESBYTERY OF PEMBINA.						
Mrs. J. A. Brown, Pres. Pres., Arvilla; Mrs. J. E. Webster, Pres. Sec'y, St. Thomas; Mrs. Geo. Bull, Pres. Treas., Grand Forks.						
Arvilla	9	3	2	6	\$25 00	Miss Etta Ford
Rose Buds	17				5 00	Miss Mabel Ford
Bathgate	18	7	7	2	40 00	Mrs. Lyn Armstrong
Charlotte Oulscousin	7				8 90	Miss Bella Kerr
Grafton Busy Gleaners	10	2		6	20 00	Miss Emma Blakstad
" " Workers				5	2 00	Master Willie Cobleigh
Grand Forks	20	6	1		25 00	Mrs. W. H. Higham
Hyde Park (Bay Center)	11				16 00	Mrs. J. Lissar
Total					\$136 90	

DAKOTA—SOUTHERN.

MRS. J. S. OLIVER, Huron, Synodical President.
 MRS. T. D. ARCHER, Huron, Synodical Secretary.

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PRESBYTERY OF ABERDEEN.						
Mrs. M. E. Lawson, Pres. Pres't, Aberdeen; Mrs. F. H. Hagerty, Pres. Sec. and Treas., Aberdeen						
Aberdeen.....	22	8	10	6	\$22 20	Mrs. F. H. Hagerty
Groton	9	4	2	...	8 00	Mrs. Hugh McGuire
Castlewood	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. R. C. McKinlay
Uniontown.....	8	...	...	...	...	Miss Maggie Kerr
Total	39	12	12	6	30 20	
PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL DAKOTA.						
Mrs. L. E. Tryner, Pres. Sec. and Treas., Altoona.						
Altoona.....	8	3	2	1	\$14 75	Mrs. J. E. McNinch
Huron.....	31	22	22	...	63 18	Mrs. E. H. Grant
Cheerful Doers.....	25	...	...	24	12 03	Miss Nettie Parkhouse
Rose Hill Church.....	12	1	1	1	20 00	Mrs. Mary S. Wilson
Woonsocket.....	29	1	1	1	10 00	Mrs. J. B. Currans
Diana	11	2	5	...	2 13	Mrs. E. H. May
Forestburg, just organized.....	9	...	...	...	...	Miss Annie McKillop
Rec. Heights, Olive Branch Band	5	...	...	1	1 00	Miss Nettie Galloway
Brookings	7	5	...	...	40 12	Mrs. W. V. Monroe
Miller	16	5	1	9	9 25	Mrs. R. W. Lane
St. Lawrence.....	10	2	...	...	6 61	Mrs. E. C. Cort
Pierce.....	7	1	1	...	5 84	Miss Viola Bigtord
Woolsey.....	10	1	1	...	...	Mrs. S. W. Merrick
Volga	7	4	1	1	2 00	Mrs. J. S. Bandy
Flandrean.....	14	2	...	...	6 00	Mrs. H. D. Vanniece
Total.....	201	49	35	38	192 41	

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PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN DAKOTA.						
Mrs. S. B. Thompson, Pres. Pres't, Canton; Mrs. E. Thyme, Pres. Sec. and Treas., Scotland.						
Montrose	12	1	2	1	\$ 9 00	Mrs. C. J. Cummings
Dell Rapids	17	1	...	1	9 50	Mrs. Dr. Lucas
Gideon's Band	64	...	...	...	25 00	Mrs. Dr. Lucas
Alexandria	15	...	...	...	...	Mrs. M. S. Wilson
Tyndall	20	1	1	1	6 00	Mrs. C. M. Young
Star Band	20	...	...	...	...	Mrs. C. M. Young
Parker	15	6	...	...	10 98	Mrs. L. H. Case
Kimball	14	4	...	...	5 00	Miss Maggie Currens
Canton	10	3	7	...	3 00	Mrs. Geo. Luther
Scotland	19	3	1	5	14 00	Mrs. J. H. Dickson
Helping Hand Band	40	...	...	...	...	Mrs. J. H. Dickson
Hope Chapel	18	...	...	...	...	Miss Lizzie Vickers
Bridgewater	25	...	...	...	...	Mrs. C. Ray
Total	289	18	11	8	73 46	

ILLINOIS.

MRS. H. T. HELM, 324 Marshfield Ave., Chicago, Synodical President
 MRS. ALICE MCELROY GRIFFITH, Springfield, } Synodical Secretaries
 MRS. S. L. SIBLEY, Pana, }
 MRS. C. B. NELSON, Chicago, Rec. Synodical Sec. and Treas

PRESBYTERY OF ALTON.						
Mrs. C. H. Taylor, Alton, Pres. Pres't; Miss Gussie Hickman, Hillsboro, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. Geo. W. Davis, Carrollton, Pres. Treas.						
Chester	...	...	...	...	\$ 6 50	
Carlinville	34	2	...	...	75 00	Miss Hattie S. Hurd
Litchfield	18	3	...	...	9 00	Mrs. Maggie Carson
Reno	12	1	...	2	42 50	Mrs. Elvira Ferguson

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Jerseyville.....					36 75	
Viriden.....					2 30	
Blair.....					8 20	
Plainview.....	4				5 00	Mrs. Anna C. Gulick
Rockwood.....	7	1			25 45	Miss Hannah Barnfield
Alton.....	25	8	2		70 25	Mrs. J. K. Butler
Young Ladies' Society.....	10					Miss M. B. Ferguson
Nokomis—Children's Band.....	25			5	22 00	Miss Lulu Robinson
Trenton.....	11	4	3		25 00	Mrs. M. E. Garrigues
Children's Band.....	20			5	2 00	Miss Emma Baldwin
Sugar Creek.....	10					Miss Maggie Wilson
Hillsboro.....	25	10	10	21	6 20	Mrs. Clarinda Yingst
Children's Band.....	40				16 00	Mrs. G. D. McCulloch
Sparta.....	32	6			55 00	Miss Mary E. Boyd
Children's Band.....	15					May Farnan
Percy.....	8					Mrs. N. A. Bergfeld
Butler.....	19				17 28	Miss Aggie Brookman
Waveland.....	9				16 50	Mrs. M. J. Clotfelter
Walnut Grove.....	12	2				Mrs. H. B. Nelson
Carrollton.....	18	6	10	3	66 00	Mrs. C. L. Clapp
PRESBYTERY OF BLOOMINGTON.						
Mrs. B. P. Marsh, Bloomington, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. H. H. Conover, Lexington, Pres. Sec. and Treas.						
Bement.....	19	10	10	10	57 81	Mrs. S. K. Bodman
Y. P. M. Circle.....					2 81	Miss Norma Camp
Sunbeams.....	78			8	40 01	Miss Fanny Tenny
Bloomington—First Church.....	30	9	14		101 33	Mrs. Sarah W. Swayne
King's Builders.....	14			18	9 59	Miss Alice Reed
Second Church.....	56	9			809 80	Mrs. J. W. Loomis
Y. P. M. Society.....	73				105 00	Miss Elma Stein
Helpful Hands.....	21			8	25 00	Miss Belle Marsh
Little Lights.....					2 00	
Buckley.....	6	3		2	12 30	Miss Laura Hurlbutt
Champaign.....	49	19			228 42	Mrs. J. B. McKinley
Avery Band.....					14 41	Mrs. Frisbie
Chatsworth.....	5				6 00	Mrs. N. Patten
Chenoe.....	23	4			36 70	Mrs. John Lenney
Y. L. Society.....	14				15 30	Miss Jennie Crabbe

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Cooksville.....	13	1	2	...	14 06	Mrs. Rena Speers
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	11 80	Mrs. Rena Speers
Clinton	22	...	...	...	141 10	Mrs. M. A. Edmiston
Danville	34	6	...	...	180 00	Miss Franc Yeomans
Willing Workers.....	12	...	...	7	5 00	Miss Annie Wolford
Dwight.....	...	...	...	...	25	
El Paso.....	14	8	...	...	6 50	Mrs. M. J. Polhemus
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	4 11	
Farmer City.....	8	6	...	...	10 84	Miss Lizzie Van Emon
Gibson City.....	...	...	...	...	29 48	Mrs. T. B. Strauss
Gilman.....	25	5	11	9	61 00	Mrs. S. H. Yeomans
Homer.....	10	5	...	...	8 00	Mrs. U. J. Elliott.
Y. P. Band	15	...	...	...	4 00	Miss Carrie Burkherdt
Golden Rule.....	20	...	...	...	3 50	Miss Belle Garwood
Hoopeston	11	12	...	...	12 00	Mrs. M. H. Slusher
Heyworth.....	...	...	...	...	45 00	Miss A. Fullenweider
Lexington.....	20	10	2	5	54 15	Mrs. S. F. Strayer
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	21 30	Rev. R. Conover
Mackinaw, Lexington P. O.....	14	3	2	6	25 70	Miss Lizzie Carson
Minonk	12	2	4	...	22 15	Miss C. L. Fowler
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	1	22 41	Mrs. U. H. Brightman
Monticello.....	10	...	3	...	14 00	Mrs. S. H. Hubbell
Sunday School M. Band.....	...	...	...	...	4 70	Mrs. Emmet Ormsby
Normal	25	2	3	...	39 45	Mrs. W. H. Schureman
Builders Band.....	13	...	...	12	11 25	Miss Agnes Campbell
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	8 20	
Onarga.....	25	12	15	11	152 45	Mrs. Peter Risser
Philo	20	...	...	...	81 00	Mrs. Allen Burton
Piper City.....	10	6	9	...	110 60	Mrs. Frank Walrich
Neeby Band.....	32	...	...	15	60 13	Miss Nettie Anderson
Pontiac.....	19	5	...	...	55 65	Mrs. A. Lawrence
Rossville.....	...	...	...	...	3 25	
Tolono	14	2	3	...	38 75	Mrs. W. T. Bower
Towanda.....	8	1	1	2	20 20	Mrs. Samuel Hiltz
Urbana.....	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. Rev. M. R. Paradis
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	4 10	Miss Mary Monnett
Wenona.....	14	5	...	1	14 00	Miss Margaret Work
Miscellaneous.....	...	...	...	...	81 75	
Totals, (Soc., Bands & S. S. 52.)	806	140	79	110	2748 26	

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PRESBYTERY OF CAIRO.						
Mrs. W. S. Willson, Pres. Pres't, Sumner; Mrs. R. P. Orr, Pres. Sec., Carmi; Mrs. John M. Crebs, Pres. Treas., Carmi.						
McLeansboro.....					\$ 4 45	Mrs. C. N. Heard, Sr
Salem.....	14	1	1	6	6 00	Mrs. R. Atkins
Harrisburg.....					15 00	Mrs. B. C. Swan
Nashville.....					11 00	Mrs. E. V. Marlin
Edna Cole Band.....	6				20 00	Mrs. E. V. Marlin
Children's Band.....	12					Miss Emma Miller
Enfield.....	8	1	1	1	21 55	Miss Mary Oakey
Cobden.....	14				10 00	Mrs. L. S. Longley
Bridgeport.....	27				15 00	Miss Lily Maxwell
Carbondale.....	80	7	18	20	25 00	Mrs. E. P. Brush
Mission Band.....					10 65	Mrs. E. P. Brush
Olney.....	24	4	12	1	18 04	Mrs. M. E. Horner
S. S. Band.....	60				8 00	Miss Maggie Allen
Linn, Wabash Church.....	15	1			26 50	Miss Florence Schrader
Anna.....	12				32 20	Mrs. R. B. Stinson
Light Bearers.....	7				6 00	
Steady Streams.....					4 60	
Tamora.....	10	3		6	20 00	Mrs. Rosa Blanchard
Rose Leaves.....	20					Miss Lillie Vickelson
Carmi.....	25				27 00	Mrs. Clayton
Rainbow Band.....	29			7	17 20	Miss Annie Crebs
Grand Tower.....	12	1	3		12 25	Mrs. Kate E. Kilpatrick
Shawneetown.....	18	1	5		20 10	Mrs. A. W. Colrard
Old Du Quoin.....	10	1			7 80	Mrs. R. C. Peck
Du Quoin.....	20	10	1	5	57 60	Mrs. T. G. Smith
Mission Band.....	25				18 00	Miss Edna Simms
Cairo.....					10 60	Miss Nannie McKee
Young Ladies' Band.....					40 00	Miss Nannie Bennett
Calhoun, Richland Church.....					10 00	Miss Mary Severance
Golconda, Eva and Neil Hock.....					1 38	
Centralia.....	25	5		10	28 00	Mrs. F. B. McKee

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PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.						
Mrs. S. D. Ward, Pres. Pres't, Lake Forest; Mrs. W. B. Jacobs, Pres. Rec. Sec., 65 Bryant Ave.; Mrs. Edward Brust, Pres. Cor. Sec., 1921 Indiana Ave.; Mrs. W. H. Swift, Pres. Treas., Room 81, Portland Block.						
Arlington Heights.....	13	1			\$12 00	Mrs. D. K. Draper
Mission Band.....	100				40 00	Miss Emma Schweiter
Austin, Young Ladies' Society.....	20	6			28 81	Miss Ida Freeman
Buds of Promise.....						
King's Workers.....	75	1		6	9 71	Miss Nellie Rice
Bloom.....	24	5			109 58	Miss Kittie Caskey
May Blossoms.....	24			10	3 50	Miss Lena Mundt
Braidwood, Young Ladies' Soc.....					30 00	Mrs. Sidney Allen
Chicago, 1st Church.....	50	15		3	1839 22	Mrs. J. R. Hoagland
Young Ladies' Society.....	55				500 00	Miss Elizabeth Alling
Mission Band.....						
Sabbath School.....					175 00	
2d Church.....	70	16	128	6	1085 53	Mrs. Wm. M. Baker
Young Ladies' Society.....	21	4			194 00	Miss Mary Steele
Ladies' Bible Class.....					12 19	
Burr Mission.....					50 00	
S. S. Mission Band.....	200				119 20	Mr. William F. Giles
Mosely Mission.....					30 00	
3d Church.....	222	118	12	54	1634 84	Mrs. J. A. Dunn
Seed Sowers.....	50				7 50	
Young Ladies' Society.....	20					
Sabbath School.....					50 41	
4th Church.....	88	73	85	25	1246 22	Mrs. L. W. Bodman
Young Ladies' Society.....					224 75	Miss L. Hunt
Sabbath School.....					188 69	
Howe Street Mission Class.....					17 00	Miss Skinner
Mothers' Mite Society.....	26				28 02	Mrs. Vedder
Ladies' Bible Class.....					43 24	
5th Church.....	33				194 90	Mrs. Sturgiss
Young Peoples' Society.....					17 76	Robert B. Thomson
Rose-Bud Band.....					11 04	
6th Church.....	70				352 92	Mrs. A. W. Browning
Young Ladies' Band.....	41				67 60	Miss Elizabeth H. Black
Sabbath School.....	600			125	180 00	
Mission Band.....					45 27	

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8th Church.....	30	2	15	2	\$204 78	Mrs. S. M. Trask
Edith Fulton Society.....	14					Mrs. D. V. Whitney
Sabbath School.....					50 00	
Jefferson Park Church.....	30	8			200 00	Mrs. A. H. Stoner
Busy Worker.....	21				5 00	Miss Leonora M. Holton
Sabbath School.....					60 00	
Campbell Park Church.....	12	2	7	8	38 38	Mrs. Larmia Willis
41st Street Church.....	40	4	8	1	60 53	Mrs. Wm. Lathrop Moss
S. S. Workers.....					22 00	Miss Lizzie Leitch
Fullerton Ave. Church.....	41	13	16	9	160 00	Mrs. W. A. Coit
Church of the Covenant.....		16			203 78	Mrs. G. A. Beach
Young Ladies' Band.....						Miss Anna Norris
Westminstry Ch., Y. P. Soc.....					28 00	
Du Page.....					6 25	Miss Louie Firestein
Elwood.....	12				7 00	Miss Ella Sheldon
Englewood.....	50	6	15		120 00	Mrs. D. W. Thompson
Evanston.....	59	36			256 54	Miss Elizabeth Kitchell
Young Ladies' Society.....	42	36			100 00	Miss Fannie Randolph
Golden Chain.....	116					Miss Zillah Hull
Sabbath School.....					80 00	
Highland Park.....					180 00	Mrs. C. G. Soule
Do-What-We-Can Band.....	35			12	41 18	Miss Annie Gray
Highland Park Young Ladies' So.....					50 00	
Sabbath School.....					10 00	
Homewood.....	13	2	2		28 75	Mrs. A. K. Taft.
Hyde Park.....	60	15	60	350	363 85	Mrs. Walter C. Nelson
Young Ladies' Soc.....	36				20 00	Miss S. A. Carmichael
Girls' Mission Band.....	20				34 38	Miss Lulu Jenkins
Earnest Workers.....	20					Miss Clara Lord
Busy Bees.....					10 00	
Joliet, 1st Church.....					146 10	Miss Alice Wood
Central Church.....	56	2	19	15	204 61	Mrs. M. F. Hand
Dean's Young People's Soc.....						
Christian Endeavor.....					73 88	
Sabbath School.....					43 50	
Kankakee.....	27	14			87 63	Mrs. H. V. Stone
Young People's Society.....				19	87 95	Miss Annie K. Sizer
Lake Forest.....		23	84	28	602 35	Mrs. George Dickinson
Ferry Hall Society.....	53				110 15	Miss Martha E. Ashley
Young People's Society.....	50				157 48	Mr. Harry Durand
Steady Streams.....	70			30	101 51	Miss Frances Ward
College Society.....	18					Mr. Graham Lee
Lake, 1st Church.....	15				8 20	Mrs George Lunham

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Manteno.....	13		5	2	\$25 25	Mrs. M. Lockie.
Millami Band.....						Mrs. Chas. Wright
Maywood.....					18 10	
Children's Band.....					4 09	
Oak Park.....	22	3	18		25 03	Mrs. A. L. Robbins.
Sabbath School.....					73 25	
Peotone.....	14	3		5	215 00	Mrs. H. Warden.
Light Bearers.....	12					Miss Anna Fell.
Sabbath School.....					41 30	
Pullman.....	15					Mrs. Geo. L. Parsons.
Riverside.....					70 13	Mrs. Jesse Hart.
South Evanston (just organized)						Mrs. L. W. Bushnell.
Waukegan.....	24	8	7	5	160 00	Miss F. E. Barker.
Young Ladies' Society.....	11				15 00	Miss Nellie Ellis.
S. S. Band.....	100					Mr. Alfred Smith.
Wheeling.....	25				26 00	Mrs. J. Fritsch.
Wilmington.....	14	2	12	2	16 50	Mrs. N. M. Cracraft.
Woodlawn Park, (Nov. 16, '86)..	18					Mrs. F. A. Barber.
Miscellaneous.....					149 26	
Total.....	2996	429	433	717	13,221 47	
PRESBYTERY OF FREEPORT.						
Mrs. Henry Freeman, Rockford, Pres. Prest.; Mrs. W. J. Arnold, 205 N. 2nd St., Rockford, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. E. L. Herrick, 301 S. 2nd St., Rockford, Pres. Treas.						
Argyle.....	51	8		9	158 75	Mrs. David Andrew
Belvidere.....	38	3	2		100 00	Mrs. J. K. Pinkham
Lend a Hand Band Boys.....						
Dakota.....	36	5		6	25 00	Miss Laura Zimmerman
Freeport, 1st Church.....	54	17	18		301 00	Mrs. R. A. DePuy
2nd ".....	18	2			19 60	Miss Hattie Hawes
Galena, 1st ".....	20	3			14 00	Miss Anna E. Felts
Mission Circle.....	20			1	10 00	Miss May Adams
South Church.....	20		6		40 00	Mrs. W. H. Stahl
Hanover.....	25				8 00	Mrs. N. M. Love
Harvard.....	17	1	5		12 75	Mrs. D. R. Wyant
Mission Band.....	30			11		Master Jo. Harris
Lena.....	7				25 10	Mrs. A. F. Foll
Maringo.....	25		1		80 58	Mrs. Parsons
Oregon.....	13	3	4		23 00	Mrs. H. J. Frothingham

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Ridgefield, (Nunda P. O.)	16	1	...	...	\$20 00	Mrs. K. H. Watrous
Mission Band	30	...	...	13	10 00	Miss Flora Harback
Rockford, 1st Church	60	7	10	10	100 00	Mrs. J. E. Turner
Westminster Church	60	8	...	...	100 00	Mrs. Mead Holmes
Young People's Society	20	1	...	...	16 00	Miss Alice Williams
Mission Band	50	...	...	...	7 69	Miss Anna Stuart
Warren	13	...	...	...	6 00	Mrs. S. E. Bedell
Mission Band	...	...	...	...	6 71	Miss Mattie Ressler
Winnebago, Middle Creek Church	16	...	...	...	208 58	Miss Lizzie Smith
Winnebago	54	1	...	...	135 70	Mrs. M. B. Goddard
Mission Band	30	...	...	13	15 00	Miss Etta Wells
Woodstock	25	1	1	...	11 25	Miss E. J. Norton
	748	61	47	63	1399 71	
PRESBYTERY OF MATTOON.						
Mrs. J. W. Ball, Charleston, Pres. Prest.; Mrs. W. Provine, Taylorville, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. F. A. Crooker, Taylorville, Pres. Treas.						
Charleston	20	3	11	...	50 00	Mrs. J. M. Miller
Vandalia	27	10	3	...	80 00	Mrs. J. N. McCord
Paris	20	15	...	...	96 50	Mrs. M. M. Collom
Tower Hill	7	...	1	...	15 00	Miss Jennie Fleming
Neoga	27	4	2	...	56 00	Mrs. I. McAllister
Shelbyville	19	...	...	...	20 00	Mrs. W. W. Hess
Morrisonville	13	...	...	...	7 50	Mrs. D. Acken
Young People's Band	30	1	...	...	26 00	Miss Edith Acken
Pana	50	...	13	...	141 25	Mrs. A. W. Parker
Willing Workers'	26	...	...	7	25 00	Miss Jennie Kimbal
Tuscola	25	...	12	...	31 01	Miss Mary L. Sawyer
Young Ladies' Band	9	...	...	1	11 55	Miss Laura Zweck
Kansas	19	...	...	...	33 58	Mrs. A. H. Ringland
Taylorville	13	...	10	...	44 00	Mrs. W. M. Provine
Casey	...	...	...	...	...	...
Prairie Home	31	2	5	...	70 00	Miss Ella Baird
Mattoon	12	3	1	...	25 00	Mrs. F. B. Webster
Assumption	...	...	...	...	18 00	Ella Maynard
Ashmore	21	1	...	...	27 00	Miss Ida Zimmerman
	370	48	59	9	772 84	

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PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA.						
Mrs. David Clark, Pres. Pres't, Sandwich, Ill.; Mrs. Kate C. Moody, Pres. Sec., Mendota, Ill.; Mrs. M. L. Gifford, Pres. Treas., Mendota, Ill.						
Aurora.....	18	5	10	...	\$ 38 51	Mrs. Thos. Galt.
Sabbath School.....					25 00	Miss Jennie Skinner.
Aux Sable Grove(Yorkville P.O.)	23	3	...	...	34 10	Mrs. Jesse Carpenter.
Mendota.....	31	17	6	...	124 47	Mrs. D. C. Wright.
Oswego.....	16	1	3	...	20 00	Miss Lucia M. Moore.
Paw Paw.....	14	10	...	...	45 00	Mrs. S. C. Mitchell.
Plato 1st Ch. (Pingen Grove P.O.)	36	4	...	...	43 00	Maggie J. Shedden.
Cheerful Workers.....	18	...	...	...	12 50	Howard Moore
Rochelle S. S.....	24	7	7	75	40 00	Mrs. M. J. Braiden
Streator—Park Church.....	38	10	...	...	25 00	Miss Fannie M. Colley
Willing Workers.....	35	...	...	...	8 00	Miss Cora Flick
Morris.....	20	17	8	...	125 00	Miss Kate A. Horrie
Willing Workers.....	20	...	13	...	3 71	" " "
Sandwich.....	23	8	1	...	60 00	Mrs. W. B. Prescott
Waltham (Utica P. O.).....	18	4	...	...	30 00	Miss Fannie C. Jones
Grand Ridge, Y'ng Ladies Band	15	8	...	...	50 00	Miss Lizzie Beck
Cheerful Givers.....	...	...	1	...	32 36	Miss Minnie Yocum
Ottawa.....	...	...	...	...	8 60	Mrs. Jas. Omelvena
Polo (Independent).....	...	...	...	...	38 20	Miss Anna Parmalee
	349	94	35	88	758 45	
PRESBYTERY OF PEORIA.						
Mrs. J. G. Johnston, Pres. Pres't, 105 Sixth St., Peoria; Miss Julia H. Johnston, Pres. Sec., 105 Sixth St., Peoria; Mrs. J. H. Morron, Pres. Treas., 305 N. Jefferson St., Peoria.						
Peoria First Church.....	65	16	15	19	253 55	Miss Ollie Moore
E. R. Edward's Mission Band	150	...	...	...	86 61	Miss Mary Hotchkiss
Little Lights.....	20	...	...	...	16 40	Bertha Ferris
Second Church.....	50	19	19	...	249 50	Mrs. S. A. Grier
Light Bearers.....	40	...	...	...	24 90	Miss Mary Blossom

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Calvary Church.....	19	6	...	...	\$30 00	Mrs. B. F. Burdick
Rays of Light.....	100	...	...	...	10 00	
Grace Church.....	25	7	...	...	76 55	Mrs. H. B. Morgan
The Christian Band.....	125	...	...	80	56 16	Miss Emma Lines
Lewistown.....	29	10	...	...	183 35	Miss Aurelia Phelps
Mission Band.....	20	...	...	5	5 00	Miss May Stutes
Canton.....	68	12	8	...	182 73	Miss Annie E. Brearley
S. S. Mission Band.....	200	...	...	5	80 00	Mr. Will R. Haynes
Gulesburg.....	38	10	15	...	46 00	Miss Lizzie Lee
Pearl Seekers.....	50	...	...	10	81 00	Miss Anna B. Judson
Knoxville.....	68	10	...	...	101 00	Miss Linnie O. Booth
Whatsoever Band.....	100	...	...	...	50 00	Mr. Fred Krotter
Oneida.....	25	1	...	...	80 00	Mrs. Louisa Robbins
Mission Band.....	50	...	...	25	12 05	Alfred Cederholm
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	5 45	
Farmington.....	61	7	12	...	69 16	Mrs. T. H. Candor
Young Ladies' Band.....	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. J. M. Jack
Princeville.....	80	5	...	8	58 00	Miss Mina D. Edwards
Winn Band.....	...	...	...	...	3 00	Miss Ella Moffit
Prospect Church (Dunlap P. O.).....	20	10	...	...	65 23	Mrs. Lester Yates
Sheaf Gatherers.....	9	...	...	4	4 62	Alva Dunlap
French Grove.....	25	...	...	...	26 00	Miss Nellie Coolidge
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	3 00	
Elmwood.....	19	2	8	...	24 71	Miss Lillie Purcell
S. S. Band.....	...	...	...	...	6 06	Miss Jennie Chugan
Yates City.....	50	5	1	...	39 12	Mrs. J. W. Hensley
S. S. Band.....	125	...	...	...	9 27	Miss Lillie Bliss
Eureka.....	16	1	1	...	68 25	Mrs. H. D. Powell
Young People's Society.....	20	...	...	...	9 40	Charles Harlan
Delavan.....	25	8	...	9	29 98	Mrs. Gilman Bailey
The King's Workers.....	20	...	...	...	6 75	George Hough
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	31 87	
Ipara.....	30	5	1	...	55 00	Mrs. M. A. Robinson
Mission Gleaners.....	42	...	...	5	15 00	Miss Becca Robinson
Green Valley.....	28	5	...	...	35 00	Miss Susie Allen
Rural Gleaners.....	34	...	...	1	30 25	Miss Bessie Woodrow
Salem (Smithville P. O.).....	13	...	...	...	21 51	Mrs. Martha Turbett
Brunswick (Cramer P. O.).....	12	...	...	...	5 00	Mrs. Anna Turner
Washington.....	12	...	...	...	15 75	Mrs. A. G. Danforth
S. S. Band.....	70	...	...	...	6 25	Miss Flor'ce Dougherty
Deer Creek.....	23	10	...	...	26 80	Miss Lucy Bogardus
Special—Mrs. Wm. Koory, Life Membership.....	...	...	...	...	25 00	
Elmira.....	34	10	...	...	30 05	Mrs. C. B. Rutherford
S. S. Band.....	100	...	...	...	54 16	Miss Addie E. Stevenson

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Vermont	10	1			\$ 8 35	Mrs. Anna M. Hamer
Astoria	6				3 00	Mrs. Dilworth Caster
Sabbath School					2 70	
John Knox (Victoria P. O.)	9	1			16 75	Miss Jennie Cook
The Seed Sowers	34			5	6 75	Miss Anna Doak
Altoona					4 00	
Total	21 09	163	76	187	2245 57	
PRESBYTERY OF ROCK RIVER.						
Mrs. J. Ross Mills, Rock Island, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. M. M. Lyon, Sterling, Sec.; Mrs. E. W. Payne, Morrison, Treas.						
Milan	12	3	6		10 00	Mrs. E. F. Dickson
Seaton (Center Church)	23				7 50	Mrs. W. P. Creswell
Viola	20					Mrs. H. B. Fraizer
Albany	7	1			5 00	Miss Maggie Johnson
Woodhull	24		10		17 50	Mrs. L. E. Pitchard
Newton	36	1		3	26 00	Miss Agnes Bleane
Geneseo	20	6			23 07	Miss Lizzie Moderwell
Hamlet	26	2		4	5 00	Miss Lettie Kendall
Mission Band	21				5 00	Miss Emily Boyles
Princeton	40	10		24	103 82	Mrs. J. G. M. Porter
Busy Bees	45				25 00	Miss Henriette Bryant
Aledo	45	4	4	6	50 00	Mrs. H. E. Bigelow
Dixon	25		25	6	33 00	Mrs. Hiram Raymond
Morrison	30	3	22		111 00	Mrs. Dr. Leander Smith
Young Ladies' Band	17				37 00	Miss May Baker
Edgington	46				29 25	Miss T. R. Johnson
Garden Plain	15					Miss Mary Parker
Fulton	14	1	3		11 51	Mrs. L. E. Adams
Norwood (P. O. Alexis)	21	5	8	5	32 85	Miss Mattie Postlewait
Pleasant Ridge (P. O. Milan)						Mrs. A. A. Boyer
Alexis	23	2	1		50 50	Mrs. S. Gamble
Rock Island, Broadway Church	29	4	8		85 10	Mrs. S. J. Keator
Sunday School					66 40	Mrs. J. E. Loosly
Busy Bees	22			5	6 60	Miss Mattie Baker
Willing Workers	20				28 63	Willie Stewart
Ruth Band	20	2			25 00	Miss Jenny Thompson
Central Church	13				14 50	Mrs. H. M. Freeman
Band					19 25	Lizzie Cook

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Millersburg.....						Miss Mattie Bay
Sterling.....	52	5			\$80 00	Mrs. N. H. G. Fife
Sunday School.....					14 80	
Willing Workers.....	18				22 00	Miss Jessie Lowrie
Peniel (P. O. Aledo).....					1 00	Miss Hannah Jewell
PRESBYTERY OF SCHUYLER.						
Mrs. J. G. Rankin, Prairie City, Pres. Prest.; Miss Mary E. Carson, Rushville, Pres. Sec., and Treas.						
Appanoose (Fruitland).....	9	6			39 10	Miss K. J. Jackson
Willing Workers.....	27			6	16 00	Miss Ada Jackson
Augusta.....	23				18 00	Mrs. S. L. Fisher
Bardolph.....	20	1			80 00	Miss Sara J. Park
Bushnell.....	50	2		1	3 25	Mrs. Theo. McElvaine
Camp Creek Ch. (Macomb).....					10 70	Mrs. Emma C. Walker
Camp Point.....	15				15 00	Mrs. O. Noble
Carthage.....	19	6			28 78	Mrs. M. P. Berry
Young Ladies' M. S.....	28				8 61	Miss Anna Hunsaker.
Dew Drops.....	21			25	5 00	Mrs. S. H. Hyde
Clayton.....	12	8		2	10 00	Mrs. M. A. Stiffy
Ebenezer Ch. (Macomb).....					5 00	Miss Mollie Henderson
Elvaston.....	31	5			31 00	Miss Abbie Berry
Acorn Band.....	25			5		Miss Nettie Putteney
Fountain Green.....	14				23 50	Mrs. Laura A. Brandon
Bouquet Band.....					7 25	Miss H. A. Preston
Hamilton.....	8	2				Miss L. A. Noyes
Earnest Workers.....	17			1	6 00	W. K. Githens
Hersman.....	18		7		12 80	Mrs. Alice L. Heisman
Mission Band.....	22				3 63	Miss Hattie Means.
Kirkwood.....	28	1			28 00	Miss Lizzie M. Pape
Macomb.....	82	8			35 90	Mrs. J. P. McCandless
Earnest Workers.....	23				5 00	Miss Mira Wheat
Children's Band.....	17				1 10	Miss Katie Sperry
Monmouth.....	40	6			150 00	Mrs. J. P. McCutcheon
Willing Workers and Little Leaven.....					25 00	Mrs. W. B. McCullough
Mt. Sterling.....	15	10	10		25 00	Miss Mattie Kendrick
Cheerful Givers.....	45			6	45 00	Miss Laura Curry
Perry.....	16				24 43	Mrs. M. C. Reynolds
Prairie City.....	25	8			52 00	Miss Julia Wilson

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Quincy	36	1			\$48 00	Miss Mary McCann
S. S. Band	100				20 00	Miss Gertie Hofer
Rushville	30	8	10		40 00	Miss Kate Erwin
Children's Christian Band	40			1	15 00	Miss Jennie Damser
Wythe Ch. (Elderville)	23	2			24 90	Miss Sarah Gray
S. S. Mission Band					6 55	Miss Nettie Chandler
Edgar Fulton					1 05	
Warsaw, (new organization)	50	1	1			Miss Lottie McKee
					815 50	
PRESBYTERY OF SPRINGFIELD						
Mrs. Dr. Brown, Springfield Pres. Pres't.; Mrs. L. W. Chambers, Jacksonville, Pres. Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Alice McElroy Griffith, Springfield, Pres. Rec. Sec.; Mrs. B. H. Brainerd, Lincoln, Pres. Treas.						
Springfield 1st Church	62	15		8	252 30	Mrs. G. C. Smith
Young Ladies' Society	25				22 99	Miss Laura Lusk
Busy Bees	20				27 24	Miss Elizabeth H. Stuart
Sunday School	250				127 06	H. Gehlman
2d Church	25				140 50	Miss Kate Hale
Young Ladies' Society					73 08	Miss Cora Garland
Memorial Band	17		10		10 00	Miss C. Conkling
Sunday School	225				62 15	Miss Alice Conkling
3rd Church					36 57	Mrs. Helm Hayden
Portugese Young Ladie's Soc	18				65 00	Miss M. Fernandes
Jacksonville, State Street Church	70	4	6		200 00	Mrs. Judge Scott
Young People's Band	22			8	49 30	Miss Helen Waite
Sunday School	190				50 00	Miss Helen Waite
Westminster Church	31	19	15	18	105 68	Mrs. W. E. Capps
Portugese Y. L.	44	12			35 70	Mrs. Robt. Lemington
Pisgah	16	2	7		19 60	Mrs. B. P. Drury
Virginia	9				64 08	Mrs. L. H. Wilson
Pleasant Plains	15	1			20 75	Mrs. S. B. Ayers
Lincoln	12	4	10		27 81	Mrs. David Gillespie
Sunday School					2 70	Joseph Gillespie
Young Ladies' Society					8 78	
Mason City	21	6			68 36	Mrs. L. H. Miller

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Macon.....						Mrs. May Lewis
Bates.....	9	1		1	\$48 47	Miss Sallie Brown
Unity.....	10				11 00	Miss A. McCormack
Petersburgh.....	18	5	2	2	42 86	Miss Eliza Frackelton
Sunday School.....					57 73	Mrs. Louis Waker
North Sangamon.....	11	7			66 00	Mrs. Ella Kincaid
Chatham.....					10 00	
Total.....	1115	76	40	47	1725 75	

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MRS. CHAS. HUTCHINSON, New Albany, Synodical President.

MRS. JOHN E. CLARKE, Franklin, Synodical Secretary.

PRESBYTERY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE.						
Mrs. J. M. Bishop, Pres. Pres't, Rockfield; Miss Maggie F. Garrett, Pres. Sec., Delphi; Mrs. Thos. G. Rainey, Pres. Treas, Lafayette.						
Attica.....	20	1	1		\$23 10	Miss Lizzie Purviance
Willing Workers.....	15				13 15	Hortense Gookins
Bethel, Shannondale.....	12	3			13 37	Mrs. Cora Jewell
S. School.....					6 50	
Mount Family Band.....	4	1	1		3 00	Mrs. J. A. Mount
Beulah (Rob Roy P. O.).....	30				51 25	Miss Ida Marlatt
Bethany, Marshall.....	16	5	4		40 00	Mrs. Hattie Dooley
S. S. Band.....				11	20 82	Miss Phronia McMurtry
Crawfordsville, 1st Church.....	19	8	9		29 10	Mrs. P. H. Burns
S. S. Birthday Society.....				6	11 00	Miss Han'h Duckworth
Center Church.....	68	9	20		102 70	Mrs. J. L. Campbell
S. S. Band.....				8	55 00	D. C. Smith
Young Ladies' Society.....	25				8 00	Miss Hortense Holden
Covington.....	17				8 35	Miss Sallie Claypool
Mission Band.....						
Colfax.....						Miss Oriella M. Blacker

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Delphi.....	38	7	4	8	\$181 34	Mrs. S. M. Sterling
S. S. Band.....					21 53	Edward Baum
Dayton.....	37	8	10		49 00	Miss Tude Roseberry
S. S. Band.....					110 00	Wm. Frantz
Elizaville.....	11	1			4 00	Miss Kate Kersey
Frankfort.....	28	1			51 50	Mrs. Kate DeCamp
Mary Campbell Society.....	12	3	2		31 58	Miss Lena M. Bryant
Simpson Band.....	32			6	42 00	Dora Armstrong
Fowler.....						
Hopewell, Lebanon.....						Miss Jennie Perkins
Judson.....	6	3		3	7 15	Miss Laura A. Allen
Kirklin.....	26				2 00	Mrs. N. A. Searcy
Lafayette, 1st Church.....	30	6	10		86 00	Mrs. L. W. Stevenson
S. School Band.....					3 37	
2nd Church.....	41					Mrs. Ada B. Falley
Lebanon.....	12				12 00	Mrs. C. N. Kellogg
Bee Hive (Boys).....	12				12 00	
Lexington, Wild Cat.....	13	2			9 00	Mrs. Tillie A. Adams
Willing Workers.....	14			7		Effie Weaver
Geetingsville.....	11	2			7 00	Mrs. R. O. Young
Montezuma.....	36	1	1		6 26	Miss Mattie F. Cornwell
Newtown.....	24	3	6	9	55 00	Mrs. Emma T. Jones
Rockville.....	32		9		48 34	Mrs. Belle G. McEwen
S. S. Band.....					26 50	Mrs. Belle G. McEwen
Rockfield.....	38				23 00	Mrs. Maggie G. Mundy
Rock Creek, Rockfield.....	24	1	1		14 50	Mrs. Retta Gardner
Romney.....	20	2	1		49 85	Miss Mary C. Meigs
Thornstown.....	22	2	1		35 00	Mrs. A. H. Van Nuys
Toronto, Dana.....	14		1	1	14 90	Miss Grace Whitlock
Union, Mace.....	12			10		Mrs. M. C. Berry
Waveland.....	18		5		40 00	Mrs. Samuel Milligan
Mispah Society.....	11		1		20 00	Miss Nannia McCormick
Williamsport.....	20	2	2		8 00	Miss Kate Held
Total.....	808	89	67	69	1856 16	

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PRESBYTERY OF FT. WAYNE.						
Mrs. D. B. Wells, 251 W. Main St., Ft. Wayne, Pres. Prest.; Mrs. J. O. Keller, 820 W. Washington St., Ft. Wayne, Pres. Sec.; Miss S. S. Keil, 145 W. Superior St., Ft. Wayne, Pres. Treas.						
Auburn.....	14	...	3	...	\$ 6 00	Mrs. A. J. Ralston
Bluffton.....						
Decatur.....						
Elkhart.....	32	2	18	...	146 49	Mrs. Helen B. Miller
Young Ladies Band.....						Miss B. Wilcox
Sabbath School.....					50 00	George Hughes
Ft. Wayne 1st Church.....	63	9			139 56	Miss A. A. Lowry
Young Ladies Association.....						Miss Laura A. Wilson
Mrs. Wells' S. S. Class.....					14 10	Miss Alice M. Hill
Westminster Sem. Band.....	12					Miss Helen Moffatt
2d Church.....	40	7	10	...	112 48	Mrs. O. J. Wilson
Sabbath School.....				18	29 00	Eddie Biddle.
3d Church.....	18	3	2	...	32 00	Mrs. Geo. Esmond
Girls Mission Band.....	20			1	25 00	Miss Mary Esmond
West Wayne Band.....	27				43 00	Miss L. D. Covington
Berean Band.....	25	3			22 00	Grant Kennedy
Goshen.....	59	16	2	10	109 71	Mrs. J. M. Dale
Young Ladies Mission Circle..	14	5			16 00	Miss Lizzie Hughes
Sabbath School.....					25 00	
Huntington.....	19				21 59	Mrs. Geo. Whitacre
Young Peoples Band.....	35				25 00	Miss Agnes Humbert
Kendalville.....	15	5	5	...	47 98	Mrs. M. A. Shulze
Sabbath School.....				9	25 51	Miss Clara M. Goodman
Lima.....	25	3			85 00	Mrs. S. T. Cooper
Sabbath School.....				5	3 00	Mrs. S. T. Cooper
La Grange.....	29	3	8	...	41 60	Mrs. H. M. Hall
Ossian.....	32	5	2	...	15 00	Mrs. M. M. Lawson
Warsaw.....	19				35 00	Mrs Dr. Webber
Go Forwards.....					25 00	Miss Allie Smith
Totals.....	498	61	50	43	1095 56	

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PRESBYTERY OF INDIANAPOLIS.						
Mrs. H. A. Edson, Pres. Pres't- 442 North Penn. St., Indianap- olis; Mrs. W. W. Woolen, Pres. Sec., 828 North Penn. St., In- dianapolis; Mrs. Ada Leck- lider, Pres. Treas., 18 East Vermont St.						
Acton.....	10				\$ 5 00	Miss Kate Wilson
Bloomington.....	33	6			50 00	Miss Martha J. Small
- Gretty Holliday Band.....						Miss Bertha Miers
Columbus.....	44	6			47 40	Mrs. J. M. West
Shining Lights.....	33					Mattie Scott
Danville.....	14	1	4		20 00	Mrs. F. J. Christie
Edinburg.....	11		1		12 80	Miss Janie Denning
Children's Band ..	18			4		Miss Susie Duckworth
Franklin.....	45	17			150 00	Mrs. Lydia Brown
Do-What-We-Can Band.....	102			20	62 70	Miss Eliza Wood
Greencastle.....	26				60 00	Mrs. J. L. Cooper
Greenwood.....	20	4	5		30 00	Miss Ella Wishard
Shining Lights.....	10			5	9 00	Hugh Williamson
Hopewell.....	42	5	10		118 21	Miss Maggie Van Nuy
S. S. Missionary Society ..	200			10	17 76	Miss Maggie Bergen
Southport.....	17	4	3		25 00	Mrs. C. D. Harding
Busy Bees.....	12				12 17	Miss Emma Bailey
Whiteland.....					10 00	Mrs. Edward Ditman
Indianapolis, 1st Church.....	104	20			452 58	Miss Margaret Hamilton
Sabbath School.....					87 01	Miss Margaret Hamilton
2d Church.....					205 00	Mrs. J. W. Butler
Young Ladies' Society.....	21				65 00	Miss Edna J. Wildman
The King's Daughters.....	6					Mrs. Briner
4th Church.....			8		51 77	Mrs. Jno. E. Clelland
Sabbath School.....					39 54	Mrs. Katherine Dorsey
5th Church.....	20				7 00	Mrs. Jno. Love
6th Church.....	10				11 00	Mrs. A. Daniel
7th Church.....	60	1	1		50 00	Mrs. Wm. Hampton
Young Ladies' Society.....	39	10			30 00	Miss Emily Bigger
Sabbath School.....					15 00	
12th Church.....					8 25	Miss M. L. Hitchcock
Tabernacle.....	77	5	20		318 66	Mrs. Tolon L. Goode
Children's Band.....	15				41 65	Miss Vinnie Goode
Mary Fulton Society.....	29				25 00	Miss Sarah B. Kuhn
Memorial Church					40 00	Mrs. A. J. Diddle

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PRESBYTERY OF LOGANSPORT.						
Mrs. A. V. Bartholamew, Valparaiso, Pres. Prest.; Mrs. E. P. Thomson, Plymouth, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. W. K. Wright, Mishawaka, Pres. Treas.						
Blue Grass, Fulton Co., West Union Church.....	21	1			\$19 30	Mrs. Wm. Potter
Band of Gleaners.....	14				5 28	Miss Martha McCaughey
Crown Point.....	13	6		5	31 90	Mrs. N. C. Cornell
Forney, Meadow Lake Church..	38				29 55	Miss Sarah Downing
Lowell, Lake Prairie Church...	12	5			29 55	Mrs. Mary G. Little
Lake Prairie Helpers.....	18			6	3 60	Miss Nellie A. Morey
Hebron.....	9				22 30	Mrs. Spencer Baker
La Porte.....	39	16	4		1189 90	Mrs. Lizzie H. Williams
Mission Circle.....	47				123 19	Miss Maude Marston
Logansport, Broadway Church..	40	1	9		33 40	Mrs. M. R. Frazee
Sabbath School.....	119			70	58 53	Mrs. I. N. Crawford
First Church.....	15	5	6		127 40	Mrs. Chas. Horning
The Gleaners.....	40			15	13 75	Miss Ethel Pryor
Michigan City.....	21	8	9		84 20	Mrs. J. E. DeWolfe
Girls' Band.....	12			6	23 20	Miss Minnie Barron
Sabbath School.....	125				59 24	Miss Belle Denning
Mishawaka.....	18	4	1		14 78	Mrs. Geo. Morse
Standard Bearers (S. S.). . .	160			11	23 02	Miss Bertha Marter
Mt. Zion, Wagoner Station....	14	5			11 30	Mrs. John Quigg
Monticello.....	29	4	18		75 33	Mrs. S. R. Temple
Young People's Soc'y.....	58				33 07	Miss Emma Wigmore
Gideon's Band.....	165			9	16 73	Miss Cornelia Clark
Plymouth.....	29	12	2		68 55	Mrs. Jerry Blain
Sabbath School.....	175			16	14 12	Miss Anna Houghton
Remington, Mission Band.....					36 25	Mrs. N. Townsend
Rochester.....	20	8			16 25	Mrs. W. H. Shelton
Band of Hope.....	20			5	12 53	Miss Emma Myer
Boys' "Do what we can Band"	14			5		Cliff B. Black
South Bend.....	35				78 79	Miss Kate C. Esmay
Sabbath School Mission Band.	289				244 68	Mr. S. A. Allen
Young People's Soc'y.....	23					Geo. A. Baker
Logansport P. O., Union Church	26	2	1		68 60	Miss Lillie Martin
Valparaiso.....	40	20	12		201 76	Mrs. J. H. Letherman
Band.....	45			12	16 13	Miss C. U. Letherman
Lake Cicott, Cass Co., Pisgah Ch.	14					Miss Disa Gordon
	1757	97	62	169		

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PRESBYTERY OF MUNCIE.						
Mrs. G. A. Little, Muncie, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. Chas. Little, Wabash, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. O. W. Conner, Wabash, Pres. Treas.						
Anderson	28	2	...	1	\$30 00	Mrs. Q. R. Conwell
Hartford City	7	...	...	...	8 00	Miss Josie Pemberton
Jonesboro Busy Bees.....	21	1	...	...	13 00	Miss Mary Bean
Lagro	34	...	...	6	30 50	Miss Nettie Bowman
Marion.....	26	4	1	...	7 00	Miss Josie Stout
Children's Band.....	...	...	...	2	40 00	Mrs. A. E. Smith
Muncie.....	...	...	...	...	2 50	Mrs. M. E. Cline (Peru)
Sabbath School.....	15	...	...	...	8 50	Mrs. J. A. Wallace
New Hope.....	30	3	...	...	30 00	Mrs. Frank Talbot
Noblesville.....	...	...	...	...	55 40	Miss Addie Simonton
Peru.....	...	...	...	...	8 00	Mrs. G. W. Cunningham
Children's Band	...	...	...	...	24 00	Mrs. Kate Bennett
Perrysburg.....	13	2	1	...	14 00	Mrs. Carrie Pangborn
Portland.....	20	...	...	...	16 00	Mrs. A. L. Rohbock
Tipton	45	7	...	5	97 11	Miss Etta Rohbock
Union City	20	...	...	...	23 21	
Wabash.....	259	19	2	14	897 22	
Cheerful Givers						
PRESBYTERY OF NEW ALBANY.						
Mrs. E. M. Hubbert, New Albany, Pres. Prest.; Mrs. W. M. Lewis, New Albany, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. C. H. Winmer, New Albany, Pres. Treas.						
Mitchell.....	14	1	...	...	12 70	Mrs. Mary E. Barton
Sabbath School and Busy Bees	25	...	...	...	8 50	Miss Alice James
Madison, 1st Church.....	31	8	...	...	50 00	Mrs. W. A. Graham
Young Ladies' Band.....	19	1	...	...	50 00	Miss S. W. Lyle
2nd Church.....	24	2	6	...	32 00	Mrs. F. C. Heberhart
Charlestown	12	3	1	...	31 00	Mrs. M. E. Wilson
Hanover.....	55	9	10	...	50 59	Mrs. S. C. Garritt
Light Bearers.....	11	...	...	8	2 62	Miss Minnie Logan

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New Washington.....	27	...	...	...	\$25 00	Miss Rhoda Taylor
Seymour.....	12	3	3	...	22 45	Mrs. J. L. Kessler
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	3 15	Walter Wood
Jeffersonville.....	55	...	...	...	48 00	Mrs. George R. Clark
Progressive Pilgrims	...	...	...	...	25 00	Mrs. Mary E. Edwards
Salem.....	12	2	...	...	19 00	Mrs. A. M. Base
Corydon.....	25	...	...	...	16 00	Mrs. M. B. Slemmons
New Philadelphia.....	30	...	...	...	8 00	Miss Naomi B. Weis
Owen Creek.....	16	...	...	...	11 00	Mrs. M. S. McCormick
Vernon	20	2	...	...	62 85	Miss Annie A. Barr
Annie Fink Band.....	...	...	...	...	5 17	Miss Annie A. Barr
Leavenworth.....	15	...	...	...	2 50	Mrs. S. E. Grimes
Sharon Hill.....	12	2	...	...	3 00	Miss Grace McKeand
Bedford.....	7	...	...	...	7 07	Mrs. W. H. Martin
New Albany 3rd Church.....	...	...	8	...	90 20	Miss Jennie Ewing
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	50 00	Mr. Harry Baldwin
1st and 2nd Churches.....	71	11	...	...	245 80	Miss Theo. Hedden
1st Church Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	50 00	Miss Hettie Riely
2nd Church Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	50 00	Miss Flora Croxall
Livnia.....	...	...	...	...	5 00	Mrs. McPheeters
Pres, Thank Offering and Miscel.....	...	...	...	...	6 78	
Rehoboth.....	30	1	...	...	6 00	Miss Lydia Lemon
Mr. Culhertson's Memorial Gift.					909 82	
					500 00	Sent to New York
PRESBYTERY OF VINCENNES.						
Mrs. Vina H. Fowler, Pres. Pres't, Spencer; Mrs. E.T. Drew, Pres. Sec., 905 Upper First St., Evansville; Miss Annie Archer, Pres. Treas., 426 Upper First St., Evansville.						
Evansville, Walnut St. Church.	52	11	8	...	140 00	Mrs. Mary E. Little
The Messengers.....	33	...	...	10	65 00	Miss Eunice T. Sullivan
Grace	20	2	6	...	50 00	Mrs. James T. Walker
Busy Bees.....	25	...	...	5	30 00	Miss Maysie Durland
First Avenue.....	10	2	...	...	13 45	Miss Van Dyke
Willing Workers	18	...	...	...	20 00	Miss Lena Thuman
Terre Haute, Central Church...	25	4	8	...	50 00	Miss Kate R. Leake
Moffat Street Church....	26	9	9	...	25 00	Miss Emma Chambers
Happy Hearts.....	29	...	...	...	...	Miss Lulu McKensie

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Princeton.....	20	4	1	...	\$64 65	Mrs. T. R. Paxton
Little Gleaners.....	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. T. R. Paxton
Vincennes.....	17	6	...	...	32 85	Mrs. Wm. B. Harris
The King's Children.....	20	...	...	1	...	Miss Sallie Ramsdell
Upper Indiana.....	29	8	...	...	51 00	Miss M. D. Simpson
Happy Workers.....	70	...	...	1	...	Miss N. Witherspoon
Washington.....	18	6	...	...	20 00	Mrs. Hiram Hyatt
Brazil.....	14	5	1	...	20 35	Mrs. C. B. Gifford
Spencer.....	15	7	2	...	7 40	Mrs. S. E. Harwood
Little Gleaners.....	20	...	...	8	...	Mrs. S. E. Harwood
Petersburg.....	20	2	...	...	25 00	Mrs. O. A. Hammond
Sabbath School Mission Band.	50	...	...	30	6 45	Miss Mary M. Glesen
Mt. Vernon.....	13	1	5	...	20 00	Mrs. W. L. Sullivan
Gosport, Bethany S. S. Band...	25	...	...	...	5 15	Miss Lucy Hill
Total.....	569	67	40	58	646 30	
PRESBYTERY OF WHITEWATER.						
Mrs. S. A. Bonner, Greensburg, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. W. B. Ham- ilton, Greensburg, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. K. Beck, Richmond, Pres. Treas.						
Brookville.....	22	8	1	...	20 00	Mrs. William Johnston.
Cambridge City.....	11	4	...	...	2 20	Miss E. Sawyer.
College Corner, Ohio.....	30	1	1	...	20 00	Miss Jennie Pettis.
Connersville.....	...	...	...	...	54 39	Miss Florence Burk.
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	22 27	Mrs. T. H. Hench.
Ebenezer, Lewisville P. O.	14	...	6	...	10 00	Mrs. Ella F. Smith.
Greensburg.....	101	18	5	...	328 00	Mrs. Marshall Grover.
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	61 40	Will Porter.
Young People's Society.....	18	...	...	7	14 30	Miss Libbie Donnell
Harmony—Oxford, Ohio, P. O.	18	5	...	...	10 00	Miss Sophie B. Pike
Kingston.....	26	...	4	...	75 00	Mrs. Sam'l Jackson
Knightstown.....	18	...	5	...	25 00	Mrs. N. W. Wagoner
Lawrenceburg.....	12	...	...	...	3 50	Miss Clara Gaff
Liberty.....	45	...	...	...	8 00	Mrs. Laura Peirson
Eliza McIntosh Band.....	20	...	...	1	...	Miss Katie Landis
Mt. Carmel.....	19	...	...	...	9 63	Miss Lizzie Applegate
Richmond.....	60	3	2	...	100 00	Mrs. D. L. Mather
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	...	

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Rushville	29	10	5	...	\$72 00	Mrs. E. Villabrilie
Sabbath School.....					15 20	Miss Jennie Beal
Primary Band.....					2 80	Miss Bertha Harris
Sardinia					25 00	Miss Annie Reiley
Shelbyville.....	40	6	11	...	112 79	Miss Abbie Blythe
Sabbath School.....					31 45	Mrs. T. C. Kennedy
Golden Rule Circle.....	20			10	1 60	Woodville Kirk
New Castle.....					3 00	
Total	553	55	40	18	1027 53	
Presbyterial Fund.....					31 10	

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MRS. D. W. C. ROWLEY, Cedar Rapids, Synodical President.

MRS. J. F. YOUNG, Vinton, } Synodical Secretaries.
MRS. ALEX. SCOTT, Mediapolis, }

PRESBYTERY OF CEDAR RAPIDS.

Mrs. E. H. Avery, Vinton, Pest.
Sec. and Treas.

Anamosa	20	2	6	...	\$11 42	Mrs. A. Higby
S. S. Mission Band.....				25	3 00	
Blairstown.....	13	5	7	...	22 00	Mrs. L. F. Pierce
Y. L. Mission Band.....	18			...	4 75	Miss Anna Adams
Cedar Rapids, 1st Church.....	43	22	32	32	400 00	Mrs. F. H. Lyman
Girls Mission Band.....	37			...	11 25	Addie W. Rowley
2d Church.....	87	5	35	1	77 50	Mrs. Geo. Laurance
Sabbath School.....	246			...	50 00	Mr. A. S. Laurance
Coe College, Y. L. M. B.....	17			...	14 65	Iris Brockway
Clarence.....	25			7	31 00	Mrs. A. J. Scott
Clinton.....	40	10	20	...	129 60	Mrs. S. J. Leonard
Centre Junction.....	17			...	11 00	Mrs. Oren Freeman
Delmar				...	1 00	Mrs. E. J. Norton
Garrison.....	6			...	9 20	Mrs. J. W. Brewer
Linn Grove, Mt. Vernon, P. O..	15	2	...	1	43 65	Miss Nelia Kyle
Lyons.....	9			...	7 00	Mrs. G. D. Young
Marion.....	43	12	...	...	62 38	Mrs. L. L. Dutton

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Mechanicsville	21	...	1	...	\$45 00	Miss Mary E. Thomas
Mt. Vernon	26	7	...	...	41 48	Mrs. C. E. Henderson
Onslow	10	3	3	1	29 11	Mrs. E. McCready
Scotch Grove	18	2	...	1	10 00	Miss Anna Sinclair
Sabbath School	60	...	...	...	8 00	M. Sweesy
Vinton	46	5	25	...	215 00	Mrs. J. S. Brubaker
Sabbath School	250	...	...	120	43 91	Miss Harley Meredith
Watkins	3	1	...	...	1 40	Miss Louisa Fowler
Wyoming	17	3	5	5	57 84	Miss J. Tourtellot
Cheerful Workers	15	...	...	...	3 10	Miss May Johnson
Sabbath School	...	...	...	...	9 85	Miss Zella Biglow
	1102	79	134	173	1854 04	
Synodical and Presbyterial	...	...	...	...	29 78	
Special to Sac and Fox Indians	...	...	...	...	18 00	
PRESBYTERY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS.						
Mrs. Geo. L. Coleman, Shenandoah, Page Co., Pres. Prest.; Mrs. S. L. McAfee, Corning, Adams Co., Pres. Sec. and Treas.						
Adair	10	...	...	...	4 63	Mrs. R. M. Starr
Afton	22	1	11	...	8 24	Mrs. E. Fulton
Atlantic	26	1	...	...	18 30	Miss Emma Lamson
Bedford	22	5	8	...	28 00	Mrs. C. B. Haddock
S. School	90	...	...	15	15 00	Miss Margaret Dinger
Carson, "Helen Elliott" Band	30	...	...	11	10 00	Miss Fannie Sage
Casey	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. L. Rutt
Clarinda	36	3	1	...	50 00	Mrs. Don Sutherland
Corning	15	6	6	...	111 50	Mrs. A. B. Turner
"Home bodies"	11	...	...	...	4 25	Miss Lutie Craft
S. School	...	...	...	40	30 00	Mr. M. A. Potwin
Council Bluffs	26	3	14	...	36 28	Mrs. F. E. Hoagland
Emerson	19	3	5	...	10 50	Miss Jessie Patrick
"Cheerful Givers"	41	...	...	40	33 00	Miss Kate McDill
Essex	10	1	1	1	10 75	Mrs. D. A. Poe
S. School	...	...	...	...	3 90	
Greenfield	...	...	...	...	7 00	Mrs. W. B. Martin
"Beacon Lights"	...	...	...	...	5 00	
Griswold	22	2	1	1	9 00	Mrs. C. W. Morse
Hamburg	20	1	1	...	15 00	Mrs. J. B. Christian

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Logan.....	13				\$ 3 15	Mrs. J. D. Hornby
Malvern.....	13	6	3		34 75	Mrs. C. W. Black
Young Ladies' Society.....	6	1			5 00	Miss Marian Black
Menlo.....	17	3	8	15	25 00	Mrs. L. C. McOmber
Mt. Ayr Band.....	10	1			4 00	Miss Laura Perkins
Neola.....	10	1	5	2	18 85	Miss Jennie Buchanan
"Grains of Sand".....	20					Hazel Avery
Red Oak.....	25	7		5	37 90	Mrs. D. H. Huston
Sabbath School.....					15 00	Miss Laura B. Irwin
Shelby.....	23	3	1		40 00	Mrs. Jasper Jones
Shenandoah.....	18	3		8	31 00	Mrs. G. L. Coleman
Sidney.....	12	1	10		18 50	Miss Ada Christy
Sabbath School.....					10 00	
Villisea.....	10	1	1		8 68	Mrs. C. N. Preston
Sabbath School.....					2 00	
Woodbine.....	6	3		2	14 35	Mrs. E. D. White
Sabbath School.....					84	Mrs. E. D. White
Mrs. H.....					5 00	
	578	56	76	140	679 27	
Christmas Box sent to S. & F. Mission.....					8 00	
Synodical & Presbyterial Work.....					11 19	
Total.....					698 46	
PRESBYTERY OF DES MOINES.						
Mrs. W. J. Young, Pres. Pres't, Des Moines; Mrs. C. G. McDowell, Pres. Sec. and Treas. 604 East 6th St., Des Moines.						
Adel.....	22	5	2	6	25 00	Mrs. John Risser
Albia.....	23	2			20 00	Miss Annie C. Young
Chariton.....	15			1	19 45	Miss Lizzie B. Davidson
Mission Band.....	20				3 63	Walter Dewey
Dallas Center.....	11	5	3	4	6 41	Miss Mary Jennings
Mission Band.....	20					Miss Maud McClure
Des Moines, Central Church.....	70	9	13	17	183 95	Mrs. S. C. Yoder
S. S. Mission Band School.....					81 47	Mrs. Edgar Anderson
Westminster Church.....	27	2	7	10	40 00	Mrs. Lefe Thompson
S. S. Mission Band.....	200					Miss Mary Settlemeier
Dexter.....	21	2		1	35 96	Mrs. S. S. Aten

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East Des Moines.....	49	7	10	1	\$70 00	Mrs. E. L. Dodd
S. S. Mission Band School.....					12 78	Mr. Frank Cresswell
Garden Grove.....	17	2			6 05	Mrs. Geo J. Woodbury
Indianola.....	35	3	1	4	45 00	Mrs. Emma J. Johnston
Mission Band.....	30					Miss Fannie Cocke
Knoxville.....	21	1			30 00	Mrs. Lizzie Hoge
Leon.....	15	1	6		30 00	Mrs. Silas Johnson
Laurel.....					2 50	Mrs. M. A. McIlrath
Newton.....	32	10		13	36 70	Mrs. J. C. Wilson
Sabbath School Mission Band.....	160				49 21	Mrs. Jennie Salmon
New Sharon.....	15		2		10 45	Mrs. Peter Reynolds
Mission Band.....	37				75	John Reynolds
Osceola.....	13	2		8	15 10	Mrs. L. E. Banta
S. S. Mission Band School.....						Miss Ella Ridaway
Oskaloosa.....	26	12	1		25 00	Mrs. J. M. Baugh
S. S. Mission Band School.....						Miss Luna Baugh
Russell.....	21	3		9	11 00	Mrs. J. W. Hawk
South Des Moines.....	14	1		12	6 00	Mrs. J. M. Bittinger
Mission Band.....	58				3 00	Miss Stella Bittinger
Unionville.....	7	2			14 27	Miss Adda L. Brain
Waukee.....	13				10 00	Mrs. C. C. Fletcher
Winterset.....	59		15		50 00	Mrs. L. J. Wainwright
Miss Hartwell's meetings.....	1051	69	60	86	848 68	
					76 54	
Total.....					920 22	
PRESBYTERY OF DUBUQUE.						
Mrs. J. H. Ritchey, Portage City, Wis., Pres. Pres't; Mrs. J. H. Greene, 481 Locust St., Dubuque, Ia., Pres. Vice-Pres't; Mrs. M. E. S. Vincent, Winthrop, Pres. Sec. & Treas.						
Dubuque.....	15	16		22	122 00	Mrs. J. W. Conchar
Armor-Bearers.....	24				30 00	Miss Bertha Thompson
Hopkinton.....	17	1			80 41	Mrs. M. C. Merriam
Boy's Band.....					2 25	Mrs. M. C. Merriam
Hazleton Sabbath School.....					3 20	Miss J. Netcott

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Independence.....	49	2			\$100 00	Mrs. H. E. Palmer
Sabbath School.....					8 49	Miss Mamie Rosemond
German Church.....	26				5 00	Mrs. J. Selzer
Jessup.....	15	1			10 07	Miss Fannie K. Laird
Lansing.....	17	6			10 00	Mrs. J. W. Thomas
Mount Hope, French Creek P.O.	5			5	1 00	Mrs. M. A. R. Bellows
Manchester.....	12	2			4 75	Mrs. M. A. Marchant
Sabbath School.....					18 30	Mrs. M. A. Marchant
Nugent.....	13	1			8 45	Letty Knox
Sabbath School.....					8 33	Sarah Warnock
Pine Creek, Winthrop P. O. ...	20	5		5	25 70	Mrs. Flora McConnell
West Union.....	5	1		1	26 23	Mrs. Fred Tyler
Waukon.....	16				12 60	Miss Mary Plege
Total.....	234	35		33	410 58	
PRESBYTERY OF FORT DODGE.						
Mrs. D. Williams, Sanborn, Pres. Pres't; Miss M. B. Willis, Fort Dodge, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. S. H. Plumb, Fort Dodge, Pres. Treas.						
Ashton.....	6				5 20	Miss Lizzie Blaine
Children's Band.....	12				2 50	Miss Ella Conner
Boone.....	20	1	7		11 00	Mrs. W. G. Coleman
Calliope.....						
Carroll.....	33	1	14		25 10	Mrs. T. S. Bailey
Cherokee.....	42	4	5	6	49 60	Mrs. E. C. Herrick
Dana Church.....					1 15	
Denison.....	18		3		6 00	Mrs. E. T. Cochran
Fort Dodge.....	35	2	13	90	98 34	Mrs. E. H. Rich
Grand Junction.....	18	1			16 33	
Ida Grove.....	15	2			12 55	Mrs. G. W. McWilliams
Jefferson.....	21	5	7	13	33 28	Mrs. H. W. Kellogg
Union Mission Band.....					6 00	Mrs. E. B. Stillman
Sabbath School Missionary Soc					24 00	Miss M. J. McNeil
Le Mars.....	29	12		6	34 20	Miss Nellie M. Lippert
Lohrville.....	13	1		2	6 25	Mrs. J. M. Stephens
Meridan.....	8		3		15 00	Mrs. J. D. Tait
Pomeroy.....	20	3			24 89	Mrs. J. H. Lowrey
Paullina.....	16	6	1		2 00	Miss Isabella Cowan

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Rockwell.....					\$10 50	Mrs. F. S. Rice
Sanborn.....	16	1			6 00	Mrs. M. S. Barrett
Merry Workers.....	14			14	1 39	Lois La Frierier
Sabbath School.....					3 54	
Sioux City.....	36	7			80 00	Mrs. Geo. Knox
Vail.....	18		1		7 95	Mrs. Platt
Mrs. J. McAllister, Cherokee.....					25 00	
Total.....	385	46	54	181	457 77	
PRESBYTERY OF IOWA.						
Mrs. A. C. Brown, Pres. Pres't, Mediapolis, Des Moines Co.; Mrs. Geo. B. Smyth, Pres. Sec. and Treas., Keokuk, Lee Co.						
Burlington.....	51	9	20	5	92 61	Mrs. S. E. Barnes
Mission Band.....	97				41 05	Mamie Mercer
Birmingham.....	14	3			6 40	Miss Ida Romney
Fairfield.....	70	7			110 58	Miss Mary Hurst
Mission Band.....	32			5	25 00	Miss Edith Osmonde
Ft. Madison.....	24	7			16 87	Mrs. J. A. McCormick
Sabbath School Offering.....					11 76	
Kossuth.....	16	5		1	45 00	Mrs. Daniel Matson
Sabbath School Band.....					17 57	Miss Mattie Runtim
Keokuk.....	25	5	35	15	61 25	Mrs. W. J. Fulton
Mission Band.....	60				27 00	Miss Nellie Sawyer
Libertyville.....	12	3			6 60	Miss Ida Romney
Morning Sun.....	22				17 00	Mrs. B. E. Walker
Mt. Pleasant.....	25	8			110 00	Mrs. N. B. Andrews
Mediapolis.....	23	14	9		84 17	Mrs. A. C. Brown
Sabbath School Band.....	68			12	82 92	Mrs. D. W. Lunheck
Middletown.....	20	2			21 00	Miss H. R. Clark
Mission Band.....	34	1		1	30 99	Miss M. E. M'Matin
New London.....	19				10 00	Miss Nora Stephenson
Ottumwa.....	20				27 50	Mrs. S. Summers
Spring Creek, Union.....	12				11 75	Mrs. H. D. Cameron
Troy.....	18				20 00	Miss Hattie Evans
Total.....	662	64	64	39	827 02	

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PRESBYTERY OF IOWA CITY.						
Mrs. L. G. Folsom, Iowa City, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. B. E. S. Ely, Washington, Pres. Sec'y and Treas.						
Atalissa.....	13	2			\$ 2 50	Miss Tillie Atteinson
Columbus Junction.....	7	1			2 60	Mrs. Frank Colton
Crawfordsville.....	12	1	2		9 75	Mrs. T. D. M. Burrows
Davenport, 1st Church.....	32	6			25 00	Mrs. T. W. McClelland
Pansy Band.....	24			9	50 00	Miss Bessie Bowman
2nd Church.....	6	1	1		6 00	Mrs. Jennie B. Edgar
Iowa City.....	17	7	6	1	44 81	Mrs. L. H. Jackson
Keota.....	19	1			7 99	Miss Clara Kenkle
Malcom.....	10	1	3	5	10 00	Mrs. P. E. Hilliker
Marengo.....	17				12 00	Mrs. Ida K. Holbrook
Muscatine.....	32	6			70 00	Miss Rebecca Dobbs
Montezuma.....					3 45	Mrs. L. W. Wilson
Oxford.....	17				4 10	Miss Hattie D. Castle
Scott Church, Iowa City.....	8	1	3		12 68	Mrs. T. B. Allin
Tipton.....	26	6	11	15	56 82	Mrs. G. L. Miles
Tamura Band.....	28			15	21 80	Miss Jennie Rowell
Unity Church, Iowa City.....	22	2	1		7 09	Miss Hattie Davis
Washington.....	30	1	4	5	64 92	Mrs. D. C. Elder
Sabbath School Mis. Band.....	135			4	10 87	Miss Marie Mercer
West Liberty.....	9	7	10	5	47 05	Mrs. Flora T. Nichols
What Cheer.....	14	2	1		17 50	Mrs. Julia D. Brainard
Wilton.....	28				15 00	Mrs. J. M. Rider
Total.....	506	45	42	59	501 48	
PRESBYTERY OF WATERLOO.						
Mrs. William Bryant, Grundy Centre, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. C. B. Morgan, La Porte City. Pres. Sec. and Treas.						
Ackley.....	14	2			83 34	Mrs. F. D. Taylor
Sabbath School Band.....	200			10	25 00	Miss Millie Rath
Albion.....	12	1			10 00	Mrs. Frank Graham
Sabbath School Band.....	50			18	7 00	Miss Idella Herron

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Cedar Falls.....	20	2			\$25 65	Mrs. L. W. Pierce
Dysart.....	5	2			2 15	Mrs. Hellen A. Pearson
Sabbath School Band.....	100				16 47	Miss Hattie B. Talmage
Eldora.....					3 00	Mrs. J. M. Boyd
Grundy Centre.....	17		18		33 85	Mrs. C. G. Rogers
Sabbath School Band.....	100			10	20 50	Gretta Kerr
Janesville.....						Mrs. F. A. Rowen
Whipple S. S. Band.....					3 57	Miss Emma Hand
La Porte.....	17	1	1	10	21 00	Mrs. C. B. Morgan
Marshalltown.....	25	3	12		50 50	Miss Fannie S. Gordon
Sabbath School Band.....	35			20		Harry Echtenough
Morrison.....	18	1	7	1	11 00	Mrs. Dr. H. L. Godden
Nevada.....	12	3	1		20 50	Mrs. Lant Lockwood
Happy Thought Band.....	14				15 50	Miss Nellie Nelson
Salem (Crystal P. O.).....	17				35 86	Miss Lillie Wylie
State Centre.....	9	2	2		5 00	Mrs. J. W. Dobbin
Y. L. C. E. S.....	10	3			35 00	Mrs. W. D. Smith
Tama City.....	5	2	3	1	7 60	Miss Anna Skea
Working Band.....	16					Miss Eva Jackson
Toledo, Y. L. Society.....	19				7 18	Miss Myrtle Williams
Tranquillity (Traer P. O.).....	10	4		6	77 11	Mrs. Gilbert McDowell
Waterloo.....	19		10		8 00	Miss Bertha Ohler
Girls' Mission Band.....	9				1 50	Miss Jennie L. Spencer
Total.....		26	54	71	526 28	

MICHIGAN.

MRS. A. F. BRUSKE, Saginaw City, Synodical President.

MRS. C. G. BROWNELL, 47 Seventh St., Detroit, Synodical Secretary.

PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT.						
Miss H. N. M. Cutcheon, Ypsilanti, Pres. Pres't; Miss C. S. Weed, Ypsilanti, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. B. F. Edwards, Ypsilanti, Pres. Treas.						
Ann Arbor.....	53	16			\$113 70	Mrs. Alfred H. Hunt
Young People.....	25				50 00	Miss Caroline L. Gelston

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Helpers.....	20	2		10	\$17 00	Harry H. Watts
Sabbath School.....					20 45	
Birmingham.....	21	2			80 00	Mrs. M. E. Hemenway
Brownell Band.....	8				20 00	Miss Carrie McKee
Ready Helpers.....	43			6	50 00	Gracie Bruce
Brighton.....	10				15 70	Mrs. B. H. Lawson
Dearborn.....					2 00	Miss Alma R. Noble
Detroit, 1st Church.....		15			400 50	Mrs. Ransom Gillis
A friend, pupil in Oroomiah...					30 00	
Richardson Band.....	135	1		1	185 00	Miss Minnie Peck
Calvary Church, Foreign Information Guild.....	120	4	1		50 51	Mrs. Wm. McKerron
Cheerful Givers.....	151			6	34 75	Percy Barlow
Central Church Sabbath School.....	140				25 00	Miss Maggie Murray
Fort St. Church.....		12	85		600 00	Mrs. C. G. Brownell
Mrs Chandler.....					850 00	
Rhea Band.....	35			16	98 57	Miss Mary McKay
Sabbath School.....					160 00	Miss Charlotte M. Ladue
Hamtraruck Church.....	12	4	7	1	30 00	Miss Sarah H. Rupell
Jefferson Ave. Church.....	20	18		12	225 00	Miss M. B. Wetmore
Sabbath School.....					28 93	
Memorial Church.....	65	8			51 58	Mrs. C. E. W. Scringer
Cheerful Laborers.....	75			24	40 00	Miss Grace McMahon
Trumbull Ave. Church.....			10		15 00	Mrs. A. M. Dulles
Union Church, Hastings Band.....	20				12 00	Miss Katie L. Stewart
Westminster Church, Ladies Union.....	105	9	82		284 85	Mrs. Isaac L. Lyon
Young Ladies' Band.....	53			11	40 00	Miss Lottie Orr
Holly.....	12	2	7	7	25 00	Mrs. Dr. Wickens
Howell.....	42	12		3	107 12	Mrs. J. V. Gilbert
Young Ladies' S.....	24	2			53 25	Miss Carrie A. Lee
Mission Band.....	23	1		1		Miss Ella Burt
Milan, Mite Gleaners.....	17				9 21	Miss S. A. Palmer
Milford.....	37	27	12	57	126 40	Miss Julia Freeman
Sunbeams.....	9				50 00	Miss Nellie Harper
Jennie Dean Girls.....	10				13 40	Miss Lulu Loughray
Bacon Band.....	18				10 10	Miss Amy Harper
Charity Band, Infant Class.....	26				1 21	
Mt. Clemens.....	19	4	18		27 00	Miss Mary E. Foster
Busy Bees.....						
Northville.....	23				44 15	Mrs. J. O. Knapp
Pontiac.....	66				83 19	Mrs. Noah Tylar
Young Ladies' Soc.....	31				22 50	Miss Fannie Anderson
Cheerful Workers.....	55			6	40 00	Miss Jennie Hopkins

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Saline.....						Mrs. E. L. Nechoson
Willing Workers.....	44			12	\$10 00	Mrs. W. E. Caldwell
Southfield.....						
South Lyon.....	20				12 00	Mrs. T. A. Sayre
Stony Creek.....	5				5 00	Miss Anna Gardner
Young People's Band.....	24			5	16 00	Miss Maggie Lowry
Sabbath School.....					6 52	
Ypsilanti.....	79	39	63	4	376 00	Mrs. H. E. Dickinson
Young People's Band.....	120				100 00	Mr. Archie Green
Gleaners.....	20			10	81 00	Aggie Rosa
India Workers.....	14			5	20 00	Arthur Murby
	1849	178	235	207	4619 59	
MISCELLANEOUS.						
\$300.00 for a medical scholarship in the University in Ann Arbor and \$120.00 for Presbyterial and Synodical expenses.						
Total.....					5039 59	
PRESBYTERY OF GRAND RAPIDS.						
Mrs. Augustus Marsh, Mackinaw City, Pres. Prest.; Mrs. E. C. Allen, Ludington, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. Harry Widdicomb, Cor. Fulton and Prospect Sts., Grand Rapids, Pres. Treas.						
Grand Rapids Westminster Ch. S. S. Band, (just organized.)	50	8			54 55	Miss Mary Chubb
1st Church.....	26	4			54 53	Mrs. F. G. Rosa
Laborers of Love.....	20				6 00	Miss Lizzie A. Kahl
Grand Haven.....	52	2	4	2	75 00	Miss E. O. Griffin
S. School.....					5 15	
Caddac.....	18				33 50	Mrs. C. E. Miller
Evart.....	15	2			24 19	Mrs. E. R. Evans
S. S. Band.....					8 00	
Montague.....					25 25	Mrs. Bird
Happy Thought Band.....	23					Miss Nellie Jones
Ionia.....	26				24 50	Mrs. Dr. W. B. Thomas

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Mackinaw City.....	12	.	...	...	\$ 6 14	Mrs. James Fox
Northern Lights.....	42	...	...	18	1 88	Miss Fannie Campbell
Petosky.....	25	8	...	...	10 00	Mrs. Wm. L. Curtis
Muir.....	10	8	2	...	5 00	Mrs. Oliver Ely, Sr.
Traverse City.....	...	...	...	...	...	Miss Ella Pegg
Ludington.....	10	7	...	...	5 00	Mrs. E. C. Allen
Total.....	329	29	6	20	843 69	
Westminster ch. Box to Miss Nielson..	...	...	...	...	10 50	
Petosko Gift to Miss Nielson.....	...	...	...	...	5 00	
PRESBYTERY OF KALAMAZOO.						
Mrs. E. S. Moore, Three Rivers, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. J. A. Ranney, Kalamazoo, Pres. Sec'y and Treas.	...	...	...	...	...	
Allegan.....	24	4	...	18	42 00	Mrs. L. W. Watkins
Burr Oak.....	9	1	...	...	9 46	Miss Edith Misner
Buchanan.....	22	4	3	...	20 00	Mrs. J. E. Beardsley
Constantine.....	21	...	...	...	60 38	Mrs. N. H. Townsend
Cheerful Givers.....	10	...	...	10	12 50	Miss Millie Dorsey
Cassopolis.....	20	1	...	...	25 00	Mrs. Frances Webb
Decatur.....	20	4	...	...	13 91	Mrs. E. H. B. Haynes
Young People's Society and Sabbath School.....	26	...	...	...	32 00	N. J. Webster, Jr.
Kalamazoo 1st Church.....	50	16	...	7	188 24	Miss Alice Campbell
North Church.....	15	7	6	5	5 00	Mrs. A. M. How
Female Seminary.....	42	1	2	...	31 94	Miss Dora Larabee
Martin.....	22	3	2	5	16 00	Miss Bessie King
Sabbath School Band.....	19	...	...	...	8 00	Ellis Roberts
Niles.....	63	8	24	5	110 00	Mrs. R. W. Kay
Young People's Band and Sab- bath School.....	45	...	...	5	15 00	Miss Emma D. Moore
Paw Paw.....	21	6	10	4	25 00	Mrs. G. W. Koons
Plainwell.....	24	1	...	1	7 00	Mrs. L. J. Day
Richland.....	37	3	5	1	47 24	Miss Mary Barnes
Sturgis.....	14	...	1	...	33 00	Mrs. H. S. Church
Schoolcraft.....	15	6	...	...	28 72	Mrs. Wm. Stuart
Three Rivers.....	29	5	...	1	27 10	Miss C. Fisher
White Pigeon.....	5	...	...	...	7 80	Mrs. Towsley
Total.....	527	70	58	57	759 79	

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PRESBYTERY OF LANSING.						
Mrs. S. H. Preston, Lansing, Pres. Pres't; Miss Rose Esselstyn, Lansing, Pres. Sec.; Miss L. M. Aldrich, Pres. Treas., Marshall.						
Albion.....	24	2	17	...	\$35 00	Mrs. W. E. Parsons
Daughters of the King (recently organized).....						Mrs. Gertrude Lasyelere
Sunday School.....					9 37	
Battle Creek.....	16	3	7	1	50 00	Mrs. E. A. Tomlinson
Brooklyn.....	6	4	...	7	25 00	Mrs. G. C. Bush
Hastings.....	14	1	3	...	7 00	Mrs. J. P. Roberts
Homer.....	20	3	10	10	25 00	Mrs. F. H. Mitchell
Holt.....	17	...	4	...	5 00	Mrs. L. W. Baker
Jackson.....	18	...	...	...	10 00	Mrs. E. Van der Hast
Young Peoples' Society.....	18	...	...	...	6 00	Miss Florence Ronan
Busy Bees.....	20	...	...	...	6 00	Mrs. Paston
Lansing, 1st Church.....	36	5	20	5	32 05	Mrs. Lizzie Hull
Sunday School.....					11 00	
Franklin Street Church.....	16	...	18	...	20 00	Miss Amelia Woodford
Coral Band.....	40	...	...	...	10 00	Miss Gertie Fawser
Sunday School.....					10 00	
Mason, Young People's.....	49	...	...	...	45 00	Miss Minnie Dyer
Cheerful Givers.....	40	...	...	...	18 20	Mrs. T. Van Ostrand
Marshall.....	45	12	25	...	32 30	Mrs. Geo. Boughton
Band.....	8	...	...	...	1 00	Evelyn Skinner
Parma.....	6	1	5	...	6 00	Mrs. L. Humphrey
Tekonsha.....	16	...	8	6	7 22	Mrs. Emma S. Stanton
Oneida (just organized).....	12	1	1	...	...	Mrs. M. A. McMullen
Total.....	419	37	110	29	421 14	
PRESBYTERY OF MONROE.						
Mrs. W. S. Taylor, Erie, Pres. Prest.; Mrs. E. K. Spencer, Adrian, Pres. Sec.; Miss Marion G. Barry, Monroe, Pres. Treas.						
Adrian.....	44	...	...	...	100 00	Mrs. A. Irland
Young Ladies' Society.....	45	8	...	...	20 00	Miss Ida Park
Sabbath School.....				8	50 00	Miss Lillian E. Wilcox

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California.....	5				\$ 5 00	Mrs. Isabella Depue
Coldwater.....	40	2	81		32 00	Mrs. H. E. Marshall
Young Ladies' Society.....	25				10 00	Miss Agusta D. Hawley
Boys' and Girls' Band of Willing Workers.....	40					Miss Kate Conover
Erie.....	15	1			15 00	Mrs. W. S. Taylor
Pansy Band.....						Mort Tracy
Hillsdale.....	20	8	6		53 47	Mrs. L. E. Allen
Young Ladies' Society.....					15 50	Miss Maryette Sutton
Girls' Mission Band.....						Miss Josephine Millham
Jonesville.....	23	2	13		9 24	Mrs. L. D. Berdsall
Monroe.....	46	6	17	5	71 00	Mrs. S. W. Pratt
Young Ladies' Society.....	20				30 00	Miss Carrie L. Boyd
Palmyra, (Lenawee Junction).....						Miss Eliza Rogers
Petersburg.....	8	1	2		7 51	Mrs. M. M. Kirby
Quincy.....	21	2	8	25	45 50	Mrs. D. Lazelere
Interest on Miss Mary E. Sutton's bequest.....					10 00	
Raisin.....						Mrs. S. K. Rogers, (Holloway)
Reading.....	13	1	2	5	5 00	Mrs. H. C. Strong
Tecumseh.....	45	15			98 00	Miss Augusta Hall
Young Ladies' Society.....	58			50		Miss Lena Drew
Wide Awake Band.....	40				11 00	Ernest Aubaugh
Total.....	464	45	79	70	720 97	
Tecumseh S. S. \$75 00						
PRESBYTERY OF SAGINAW.						
Mrs. N. L. Miller, Saginaw, Pres.						
Pres't; Mrs. F. C. Stone, Saginaw, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. F. Romer, Bay City, Pres. Treas.						
Bay City.....	76	23			117 29	Mrs. N. Dunham
Wight Mission Band.....	34				50 00	Margaret Smalley
"Rope Holders".....	24				18 19	Frank McCabe
Cass City.....	10	2				Mrs. J. D. Crosby
Sabbath School.....					5 60	Miss Minnie Laing
Caro.....	12	1			48 55	Mrs. J. A. McPherson
Selden Band.....	24			14	5 00	Miss Myra Ale
Corunna.....	13		1		13 00	Mrs. Andrew Parsons
Willing Workers.....	14				5 00	Miss Helen Holman
Flint.....	50				75 00	Miss Helen V. Walker
Ithaca.....	10	2				Mrs. W. E. Winton
Lapeer.....	30	1			67 00	Mrs. Fred Johnson

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Sunday School.....	200	...	...	...	\$100 00	Mr. A. L. Gregory
Midland	18	7	...	14	17 00	Mrs. Ellery Anderson
Marlette	11	...	...	...	...	Mrs. W. J. Stoutenburgh
Morrice.....	21	9	8	...	21 25	Miss Lena Morrice
East Saginaw	25	2	...	...	10 00	Mrs. C. S. Bliss, Saginaw
Saginaw	48	17	...	25	430 00	Mrs. D. W. Briggs
Sabbath School	...	...	...	...	50 00	Mr. H. J. Northrup
Young People's Society.....	50	...	...	...	50 00	Miss Edith Kimball
Golden Rule Missionary Band	47	...	...	...	60 00	Miss Bertha Trask
Penny Gleaners.....	...	...	...	...	50 00	Master Lynn Briggs
St. Louis.....	6	...	...	...	10 75	Mrs. S. J. Scott
Sand Beach	33	...	...	...	1 00	Mrs. H. S. Worden
Vassar	25	4	5	5	38 35	Mrs. K. R. Hill
West Bay City.....	46	12	10	4	28 00	Mrs. Dr. Cooper
Sabbath School.....	...	...	...	...	21 71	Mr. Harrison Miller
Total	827	74	19	62	1421 69	

MINNESOTA.

MRS. C. O. VAN CLEVE, 606 Fifth S. E., Minneapolis, Synodical President.
 Mrs. J. R. HALL, 2829 Park Ave., Minneapolis, Synodical Secretary.

PRESBYTERY OF MANKATO.						
Mrs. Chas. Chapman, Mankato, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. J. C. Donahower, St. Peter, Pres. Sec. and Treas.						
Amboy.....	10	...	...	...	\$13 50	Mrs. J. B. Ratcliffe
Blue Earth City	20	...	6	...	41 72	Mrs. L. H. Mitchell
Pilot Grove.....	17	...	...	...	22 00	Miss Belle Ogilvie
Jackson.....	81	8	1	...	23 50	Mrs. Knox
Sabbath School Birthday Band	...	...	...	16	7 19	Miss Alice Pepper
Kasota.....	8	...	...	...	6 00	Mrs. J. B. Turrittin
Le Sueur.....	22	3	4	...	22 66	Mrs. L. J. Taylor
Sabbath School Band.....	38	...	...	12	40 00	Miss Quackenbush
Madelia.....	8	2	...	2	7 00	Mrs. A. H. Benton
Mankato.....	51	8	14	6	96 4	Mrs. R. H. Rose

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Marshall, Cheerful Givers (just organized).....	18	1	1	1	\$ 4 25	Miss Mary A. Davis
Redwood Falls, Y. Ladies' Band.	23	3	15	1	12 65	Miss Sarah V. Chollar
St. Peter.....	16	1	1	1	14 15	Mrs. J. N. Treadwell
Young Ladies' Mission Band..	100	1	1	1	4 06	Miss Laura Kennedy
Sabbath School.....	80	1	1	1	28 63	Mrs. J. C. Donahower
Tracy.....	10	1	1	1	10 93	Mrs. S. A. Jamieson
Pearl Gatherers.....	26	1	1	1	7 00	Miss Nina Crouch
Wells.....	22	5	1	1	32 00	Mrs. H. L. Park
Winnebago City.....	12	4	18	1	45 98	Mrs. M. J. Welsh
Worthington.....	14	1	1	1	10 00	Mrs. S. S. Silver
Boys' Westminster Band.....	476	30	55	64	.....	Master Loren Town
Total.....	476	30	55	64	.....	
Winnebago City Christmas offering.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 39	
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	453 01	
PRESBYTERY OF ST. PAUL.						
Mrs. W. M. Tenney, 1200 2nd Ave., S. Minneapolis, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. R. J. Service, Red Wing, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. R. P. Lewis, St. Paul, Pres. Treas.						
St. Paul, Central Church.....	41	18	50	40	421 06	Mrs. Jos. McKibbin
Boy's Band.....	35	1	1	1	55 00	George Cole
Young Ladies' Band.....	40	1	1	1	879 32	Miss Kate Williams
Little Flock.....	32	1	1	1	58 96	Miss Myrtle Burnette
Sabbath School.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	
First Church.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 50	Miss Louise Dougan
Wayside Gleaners.....	18	1	1	1	36 63	Miss Mary F. Simons
House of Hope Church.....	95	15	22	22	464 50	Mrs. Mary Totz
Young Ladies' Band.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 15	Miss May Banning
Steady Streams.....	25	1	1	1	130 00	Arthur McKinley
Dayton Ave. Church.....	46	14	26	26	240 46	Mrs. L. J. Lee
Sabbath School Society.....	S. S.	.....	.....	.....	220 00	Miss Cornelia P. Lewis
Gleaners.....	42	1	1	1	115 00	John C. Roth
Westminster Church.....	28	1	1	1	31 50	Mrs. M. V. Richards
Merriam Park Church.....	10	1	1	1	20 75	Miss Edith Robbins
East Church.....	12	1	8	16	80 65	Mrs. F. C. Spates
Goodrich Ave., Boys' Band.....						James Johnson

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Macalester Church.....	5				\$ 7 50	Mrs. C. Forbes
Golden Rule Band.....	17				5 00	Miss Myrtle M. Deakin
Minneapolis, First Church.....	49	16	89	18	167 77	Mrs. Orton S. Clark
Young Ladies.....						Miss Fanny Judson
Merry Gleaners.....	15			5	58 00	Miss Lydia Peterson
Echo Band.....						Miss Carrie Fawcett
Franklin Avenue Church.....	25	2	5	10	15 00	Mrs. C. H. Babcock
Fifth Church.....	7	3		8	13 55	Mrs. Vernon Bell
Andrew Church.....	80	9	20		142 50	Mrs. E. M. Van Cleve
Sabbath School Band.....	S. S.			25	33 92	Miss Jessie Nichols
Raindrops Band.....	14			8	13 62	Miss Sophie Williams
Highland Park Church.....	18	8	10	6	61 75	Mrs. F. C. Wyant
Westminster Church.....	112	35		35	565 32	Mrs. K. B. Plummer
Gleaners.....	21				47 70	Miss Carrie Bell Wagner
Young Ladies' Band.....					156 25	Miss Mattie E. Miller
Sabbath School.....	S. S.				75 00	
Pearl Gatherers.....	94			20		Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy
Daughters of the King.....	15				13 96	Miss Fanny Janney
Bethlehem Church.....	30	31	10	11	60 00	Miss Alice C. Paine
Van Cleve Band.....	35				10 00	Harry B. Avery
Bloomington Ave.....	28	7	1		35 50	Miss Maggie L. White
Jackson St., Mission.....	S. S.				2 12	
Shiloh Church.....					5 00	
St. Cloud First Church.....	17				36 00	Mrs. M. A. Ketcham
S. S. Band.....	S. S.			13	35 00	Miss Mary F. Wheelock
Red Wing, First Church.....	50				87 50	Mrs. B. Densmore
Sabbath School.....	S. S.				40 53	F. W. Farnsworth
Stillwater, First Church.....	17	5			42 75	Mrs. J. C. Henning
Hastings, First Church.....	24	5	4	18	22 59	Mrs. J. A. Ennis
Volunteer Band.....	5				25 00	Miss Bertha Isenberg
Sowers of Good Seed.....	63				31 25	Miss Blanche Mace
Taylor's Falls, Church.....					22 51	Mrs. J. L. Dorothy
St. Croix Falls Church.....	10				8 45	Mrs. E. Jewell
Shakopee.....	15	8			8 61	Mrs. D. M. Marshman
Litchfield.....	12	1		1	20 32	Mrs. J. S. Sherrill
Children's Band.....					5 72	Miss Susan Cathcart
Pine City.....					2 00	Mrs. Mary C. Brackett
Duluth First Church.....	15	8		25	190 05	Mrs. L. H. Whipple
Cheerful Workers.....	18				30 00	Miss Josephine Harter
Jewel Band.....	50			20	8 42	Miss Annie Groff
White Bear Lake Church.....	12	8	7	2	13 20	Mrs. J. A. Getty
Mrs. Dr. Rice.....					50 00	
Pres. Coll. Mar. 26, '86.....					17 45	
Coll. Union Meeting, May, '86.....					35 29	

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Coll. Central Church, Oct., '86..	..	..	..	..	\$87 87	
Coll by Pres. Churches in Minneapolis, for General Assembly applied to debt of W. B.....	..	..	..	..	71 40	
Balance in Treasury beginning of year.....	..	..	..	..	19 00	
Total subscriptions to Mar., '87.....	..	..	..	..	4865 35	
Total subscriptions to Mar., '86.....	..	..	..	..	3499 78	
Increase.....	..	..	..	..	1365 57	
PRESBYTERY OF RED RIVER.						
Mrs. James Compton, Fergus Falls, Pres. Prest.; Mrs. S. A. Holmes, Moorhead, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. O. J. Qualley, Moorhead, Pres. Treas.						
Fergus Falls.....	30	10	6	...	130 13	Mrs. J. W. Mason
Band.....	24	...	...	1	6 00	Tommie Ross
Warren.....	14	2	1	...	15 75	Mrs. L. Lamberson
Young Ladies' Band.....	7	...	...	2	5 00	Miss Lottie Keenan
Busy Bees.....	21	...	...	...	...	Miss Lena Tarlseth
Hallock.....	18	...	...	...	11 80	Miss Lizzie H. Demars
Busy Bees Band..	19	...	...	4	4 00	Miss Belle Ferguson
Crookston.....	5	4	...	...	12 60	Mrs. E. P. Pierce
Moorhead.....	12	10	1	6	18 55	Mrs. O. J. Qualley
Red Lake Falls.....	...	...	...	...	4 30	
PRESBYTERY OF WINONA.						
Mrs. A. W. J. Moore, Chatfield, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. T. H. Titus, Rochester, Pres. Sec.; Miss Matie Knapp, Rochester, Pres. Treas.						
Chatfield.....	20	8	...	50	72 97	Miss E. A. Knight
Mission Band.....	120	...	...	...	20 00	Miss E. A. Knight
Albert Lea.....	40	11	12	5	101 13	Mrs. W. S. Krebs
Young Ladies' Circle.....	20	2	...	...	54 50	Miss Anna Hibbs
Rochester....	25	4	16	...	36 72	Miss Matie Knapp
Downing Band.....	50	1	...	12	45 00	Miss Bessie Fishback

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Owatonna.....					\$ 5 60	Mrs. E. Donaldson
Lake City.....					11 50	Mrs. C. C. Lowe
Sabbath School.....					50 00	
Le Roy.....	8		4		8 00	Mrs. Frank Weeks
Mission Band.....	12					Miss Hannah Martz
Fremont (Argo P. O.).....	7	2	1	9	22 00	Mrs. J. C. de Kruyn Kops
Hamilton and Washington.....					5 00	Mrs. E. Oakey
Winona (just organized).....						Miss Sallie Tawney
Kasson.....						Mrs. Julia Higbee
Total.....					432 42	

NEBRASKA.

MRS. P. L. PERRINE, 1920 Dodge St., Omaha, Synodical President,
MRS. A. HARDY, Beatrice, Synodical Secretary.

PRESBYTERY OF HASTINGS						
Mrs. S. T. Pomeroy, Edgar, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. G. T. Cressman, Hastings, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. M. E. Byram, Edgar, Pres. Treas						
Aurora.....	18	4			\$ 2 00	Mrs. M. B. Bishop
Mission Band.....	20			5		Miss Clara French
Hansen.....	10	1			4 17	Miss Clara Tuck
Edgar.....	18	3	4			Mrs. S. T. Pomeroy
Busy Bees.....	12					Vina Gardner
Red Cloud.....	22	2	1	1	5 00	Alice E. Patmore
Oak.....	6	3		1	8 00	Mrs. Joseph Shelly
Kenesaw.....	14	1	3		16 00	Mrs. J. L. Hayzlett
Hastings.....	41	8	21		32 00	Mrs. S. Alexander
Young Ladies' Mis. Soc.....	17				11 00	Miss Edie Haynes
Harvest Hands.....	31				24 00	Miss Lizzie M Stine
Cheerful Workers.....	10				8 00	Anna Nowlan
Bushnell Band.....					100 00	
M. J. H. Missionary Society....	17	2	1	2	15 00	Jeannie Johnston
Total.....					\$215 17	

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PRESBYTERY OF KEARNEY.						
Central City.....	16	4		5	\$20 00	Mrs. C. H. Baskerville Mrs. Sue Hurlburt Mrs. M. A. Woolley Mrs. H. H. Studley Miss Sadie Patterson Mrs. Fred Johnston
Kearney.....	25	5			39 00	
Grand Island.....	15					
North Loup (just organized)....					11 65	
St. Edwards (just organized)....						
St. Paul.....					54 60	
Total					125 25	
PRESBYTERY OF NEB. CITY.						
Mrs. T. L. Sexton, Seward, Pres. Pres't; Miss L. W. Irwin, Lincoln, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. Thos. Pollock, Plattsmouth, Pres. Treas.						
Alexandria.....					2 00	Mrs. Mary Scott
Auburn.....					9 90	
"Gideon's Band".....					5 05	
Beatrice.....					25 00	
Sunday School.....					30 00	
Belvidere.....						
Blue Springs.....					1 47	
Band and Sunday School.....					8 44	
Diller.....					1 50	
Falls City.....					16 50	
Hebron.....					17 80	
Hubbell.....					9 00	Miss Birdie De Cou
Humboldt.....					22 42	
Band.....					12 64	
Liberty.....					2 50	
Lincoln.....					81 68	
Sunday School.....					41 85	
Nebraska City.....					21 78	
Palmyra Young People's Band ..						
Pawnee City.....					4 60	
"Little Helpers".....					5 70	
Plattsmouth.....					25 00	
"Little Dew Drops".....					30 00	
Seward.....					10 00	
Table Rock.....					5 25	

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Tamoree	10			6	\$ 5 50	Mrs. Nannie Scott	
Tecumseh					14 47		
York							
Miss Anna Dawson					12 50		
Total					422 45		
PRESBYTERY OF NIOBRARA.							
Mrs. J. R. Brown, Emerson, Pres. Pres't.; Mrs. I. E. Hollman, Emerson, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. G. Downs, Pender, Pres. Treas.							
Oakdale	15	6			9 15	Mrs. A. F. Leach Clyde Beckwith Mrs. F. Bennet Miss May Davies Mrs. E. F. Rice Mrs. I. E. Hollman Miss Anna L. Clark Mrs. M. A. Hitchcock Mrs. Martha K. Bennet Miss Madie Smith Mrs. M. H. Bordwell	
Band	10						
Wayne	19	8			17 57		
Girls' Mission Band	14				11 57		
Pender	6	1	1				
Emerson	20	1	1		10 41		
Silver Ridge	10	2		10	6 00		
Hartington	12	1					
Ponca	25				8 00		
Band	16						
Madison	9	4	2		5 00		
Total	146	28	4	10	67 70		
PRESBYTERY OF OMAHA.							
Mrs. L. A. Creigh, 2327 Capitol Ave., Omaha, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. P. L. Perine, 1920 Dodge St., Omaha, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. C. Denise, 1901 Dodge St., Omaha, Pres. Treas.							
Omaha, 2d Church	45	9			\$238 07	Mrs. W. L. Parroth Mrs. O. N. Ramsey Miss H. Collier Mr. W. T. Robinson	
Young Ladies	28				83 50		
Mission Helpers	37				13 85		
Sabbath School				24	36 98		

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Castellar.....	26	...	...	10	\$ 4 01	Miss Lillian Case
Girls' Sewing Band (just org.)	15	...	...	...	...	Miss Lillian Case
German Church.....	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. Hed'rich Bochncke
North Church.....	24	8	7	11	80 65	Miss Rosalie C. Eddy
Little Tilters.....	62	...	...	...	6 55	Miss Rosalie C. Eddy
Little Harvesters (just org.)	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bellevue.....	4	11	...	...	5 67	Mrs. R. J. Burtch
Blair.....	15	...	...	...	7 00	Mrs. Mary G. L. Pollock
Columbus.....	...	...	...	...	13 00	...
Craig.....	20	1	1	...	2 20	Mrs. E. F. Irwin
Creston.....	10	1	...	2	15 00	Mrs. L. D. Andermon
Fremont.....	17	4	15	...	38 65	Mrs. J. H. Van Gausbeck
Lyons.....	15	...	...	...	2 80	Mrs. C. A. Darling
Schuyler.....	14	1	3	...	15 50	Miss Hermie McAll
Waterloo.....	1	...	...	...	3 50	Mrs. R. W. Barber
Marietta.....	20	...	...	1	18 60	Mrs. H. C. Kempton
Bancroft.....	...	...	...	...	2 50	Mrs. Ida B. Wells, Prest.
Total.....	354	19	37	48	530 48	

OHIO.

MRS. C. C. DOOLITTLE, Toledo, General Secretary.

PRESBYTERY OF BELLEFONTAINE.						
Mrs. R. Sanders, Urbana, Pres. Prest.; Miss Emma Byns, Bellefontaine, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. J. Riddle, Bellefontaine, Pres. Treas.						
Urbana.....	78	6	...	...	\$116 50	Mrs. J. M. Colwell
Branch.....	20	...	...	3	...	Miss Mary Phelps
Handful of Corn.....	40	...	...	21	...	M. L. Berry, (leader)
Crestline.....	20	...	...	...	24 00	Mrs. N. R. Lyons
Belle Centre.....	21	1	2	...	25 01	Miss Anna Laughlin
Mission Band.....	5	...	...	5	22 20	Miss Aggie Sesler
Bucyrus.....	21	...	...	...	68 55	Mrs. H. H. Munson

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Forest.....	22	2	1	...	\$ 8 20	Mrs. M. J. Harmon
Buck Creek (Urbana).....	20	...	1	...	34 00	Mrs. Thos. Rawlings
Galion.....	36	...	6	...	36 88	Mrs. E. P. Holmes
Mission Band.....	91	...	...	...	...	John McFarquhar
DeGraff.....	18	1	1	...	21 10	Miss Martha Mitchell
Huntsville.....	10	...	...	...	5 80	Mrs. I. S. Hunter
Upper Sandusky.....	23	5	...	...	26 46	Mrs. D. S. White
S. School.....	...	...	...	...	6 94	...
Mission Band.....	24	...	...	1	48 30	Miss Bertha McCahan
Bellefontaine.....	48	3	16	...	101 50	Mrs. E. J. Howenstine
S. S. Mission Band.....	...	...	...	6	20 22	Miss Katie Pettit
Marseilles.....	21	1	2	...	30 00	Mrs. M. E. Webber
Mission Band.....	6	...	...	...	6 00	Mrs. Lydia Miller
Kenton.....	31	5	...	...	61 74	Mrs. W. W. Snodgrass
Sunday School.....	...	...	...	5	...	...
West Liberty.....	27	2	6	...	25 55	Mrs. Geo. Garton
Mission Band.....	23	...	...	...	50 00	Miss Jennie M. Harrop
S. S. Infant Class.....	...	...	...	...	3 65	...
Tiro.....	8	...	2	...	28 00	Miss Mattie Blaney
Total.....	611	26	37	41	7705 58	...
PRESBYTERY OF HURON.						
Mrs. L. S. Sneath, Tiffin, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. R. W. Shawhan, Tiffin, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. Dr. Willard, Tiffin, Pres. Treas.						
Bloomville.....	14	1	...	...	16 80	Mrs. John Walker
Mission Circle.....	23	...	1	...	9 25	Miss Nellie Griffin
Clyde.....	12	4	...	...	6 60	Mrs. M. S. Hughes
Elmore.....	24	...	...	...	33 23	Mrs. Henry Moore
Bright Jewels.....	10	...	6	5	16 47	Miss Eliza Quincke
Fostoria.....	60	1	...	5	109 93	Mrs. J. A. Parker
Doolittle Band.....	70	...	...	...	25 00	Miss Jennie Hummer
Fremont.....	38	9	2	7	89 00	Mrs. H. McDaniels
Do Something Band.....	72	...	...	...	30 00	Mr. F. W. Garn
Green Springs.....	5	...	...	3	6 21	Miss Mattie White
Busy Bees.....	26	...	...	8	2 50	Miss Maud Nease
Huron.....	21	3	6	...	40 66	Miss Lillie E. Ball
Melmore.....	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. N. J. Chamberlain
Milan.....	11	...	1	1	21 20	Mrs. W. Winslow

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Monroeville	14	3	...	5	\$10 00	Mrs. C. W. Smith
Norwalk	41	10	...	...	98 11	Mrs. A. N. Reed
Oiena	...	...	...	...	8 00	Mrs. Alexander Burras
Peru	18	...	...	...	10 25	Mrs. A. E. Lawrence
Sandusky	33	6	...	10	86 28	Mrs. Henry A. Lee
Young Ladies' Society	25	...	...	...	5 70	Miss Hattie West
Tiffin	35	7	5	6	44 12	Mrs. F. H. Holmes
Little Gleaners	...	...	...	...	...	Ida Dildine
Sunday School	...	...	...	...	30 00	
Total	540	44	20	51	694 33	
PRESBYTERY OF LIMA.						
Miss Jean Murray, Sidney, Pres.						
Pres't; Mrs. G. E. Driscoll,						
Sidney, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. Robt.						
McCaslin, Sidney, Pres. Treas.						
Findlay	60	12	4	...	\$100 00	Mrs. J. A. Bope
Lillies of the Field	125	...	...	...	20 00	Miss Jessie Powell
Blanchard Church	20	...	...	...	32 45	Miss Ada Moorehead
Columbus Grove	20	6	...	...	18 25	Mrs. E. Layport
Mission Band	6	...	...	...	1 25	Miss Lizzie Strain
Lima	64	1	...	...	90 00	Mrs. R. W. Meily
Young Peoples' Band	275	...	...	...	50 00	Miss Libbie Curtis
Main Street Church	...	...	...	...	6 00	Mrs. Durnbaugh
Delphos	21	8	...	6	99 28	Mrs. W. H. Fuller
Mt. Jefferson Church, Dawson ..	12	...	...	...	3 50	Miss Lettie Skillen
Sidney	100	8	...	5	100 50	Mrs. P. W. Learch
Turtle Creek Church	24	...	...	...	30 00	Miss Alma Stewart
McComb	28	1	1	1	32 50	Mrs. D. W. Cooper
Ottawa	...	...	...	...	17 10	Mrs. Dillsworth
Mead Band	60	...	...	...	10 00	Miss Rena Howell
Van Wert	22	1	...	...	32 80	Mrs. M. J. McFadden
Helping Hands	15	...	...	...	5 85	Miss Luella Kear
Ada	81	8	4	...	60 00	Mrs. L. W. Cooper
St. Mary's	12	2	1	...	30 55	Mrs. Ella Lawrence
King's Daughters	16	...	...	...	15 00	Miss Mary Clark
Total	911	42	6	12	755 03	

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PRESBYTERY OF MAUMER.						
Mrs. W. H. Bellman, 596 Huron St., Toledo, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. A. E. Scott, 415 Ontario St., Toledo, Pres. Sec.; Miss Hattie Chase, 602 Superior St., Toledo, Pres. Treas.						
Toledo, Westminster Church....	47	14	21	...	\$62 75	Mrs. C. Cochran
Young Ladies' Band.....	80	...	...	...	25 50	Miss Grace Gordon
Busy Bees.....	302	...	...	...	65 00	Miss Mary Fisher
1st Church.....	49	10	7	10	72 28	Mrs. C. H. Fralick
Livingston Band.....	87	...	...	...	101 50	Miss Helen Rolland
Little Girls' Band.....	10	...	...	9	...	Miss M. L. McGaw
3rd Church.....	33	2	1	...	29 88	Miss Lizzie Hormel
Lydia Band.....	18	1	...	...	25 10	Miss N. Cunningham
Kings Gardeners.....	16	...	...	7	12 80	Miss Thya Geddes
Willing Workers.....	12	...	...	1	10 20	Mrs. J. W. Hughes
South Toledo.....	8	...	...	...	5 00	Mrs. S. E. Gunn
Young Ladies' Society.....	8	...	...	...	...	Miss Laura Clewell
Defiance.....	33	4	1	...	60 75	Miss Annette Hooker
Willing Hearts.....	50	...	...	7	40 80	Lewis G. Neill
Tontogany.....	30	...	...	...	1 75	Miss Kate Kreps
Bowling Green.....	30	2	...	...	35 00	Mrs. J. O. Troup
Willing Workers.....	44	...	...	7	10 00	James Mery
West Unity.....	10	1	1	1	46 00	Mrs. Geo. Smith
Kunkle.....	6	...	...	...	5 75	Miss H. T. Hughes
Bryan.....	35	5	...	11	54 00	Mrs. S. C. Kelly
West Bethesda Church.....	16	...	...	...	15 00	Miss Clara Canon
Young Peoples Society.....	18	...	...	...	...	Miss Emma Canon
Perrysburg, 1st Church.....	6	1	...	...	10 20	Mrs. A. Cook
Mission Gleaners.....	28	...	...	...	31 80	Alfred Averill
Walnut St. Church.....	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. N. L. Hanson
Faithful Workers.....	...	...	...	...	...	Miss Alta Trowbridge
Weston.....	7	4	...	...	9 50	Mrs. N. C. Helfrich
Young Ladies' Band.....	8	...	...	...	4 50	Mrs. N. C. Helfrich
Pleasant Ridge Society.....	14	1	...	...	14 75	Mrs. Eli Wilson
Grand Rapids.....	17	4	...	...	21 27	Mrs. G. P. Hinsdale
Children's Circle.....	13	...	...	2	3 45	Miss M. Williamson
Antwerp.....	12	1	...	...	13 90	Miss Fannie McCluskey
Delta.....	12	1	...	...	7 00	Miss Addie Gilbert
Willing Workers.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Napoleon.....	9	...	1	...	9 00	Miss Hoagland

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Farmer, Lost Creek Church....	20	...	...	...	\$30 25	Mrs. Nancy Cheyney
Spring Lake, Eagle Creek Church	10	...	4	...	...	Mrs. Isabel Smith
Toledo Societies for debt.....	...	...	...	...	41 00	
Total.....	1088	51	36	55	\$875 63	
Defiance Society, Box to Miss DeGama.....	...	...	...	...	16 00	

WISCONSIN.

SYNODICAL PRESIDENT, Mrs. John Plankinton.

VICE-PRESIDENT, Mrs. J. E. Chapin, Neenah.

COR. SECRETARY, Mrs. H. A. Vedder, 199, 10th St. Milwaukee.

REC. SECRETARY, Miss M. W. Candee, 540 Cass St., Milwaukee.

PRESBYTERY OF CHIPPEWA.						
Mrs. H. C. Baker, Hudson, Pres. Pres't; Miss Jennie Nash, Hudson, Pres. Sec. and Treas.						
Hudson...	15	8	27	...	\$85 00	Miss Jennie Nash
Eau Claire.....	32	...	...	11	85 50	Mrs. E. M. Fish
Baldwin.....	10	...	...	...	10 41	Mrs. H. F. Hennepe
Girl's Band.....	...	...	...	...	65	Miss Lucia M. Hoffman
Boys' Band.....	...	...	...	...	70	Jamie G. Hoffman
Pine Lake Branch, Baldwin P. O.....	9	...	...	...	12 22	Mrs. Wm. Demeester
Children's Band, Baldwin P. O.....	...	...	...	...	2 65	Miss Lucia M. Hoffman
Big River.....	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. W. A. Ward
Total.....	66	8	27	11	97 13	
PRESBYTERY OF LACROSSE.						
Mrs. J. E. Truesdell, La Crosse, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. S. R. Lapham, La Crosse, Pres. Sec. and Treas.						
La Crosse, First Church.....	18	...	...	...	35 97	Mrs. S. R. Lapham

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North Church.....	15	8		1		Mrs. Mary P. Gage
West Salem.....						Mrs. Clark
Galesville.....						Mrs. W. A. Johnston
Total.....	33	8		1	35 97	
PRESBYTERY OF LAKE SUPERIOR.						
Mrs. H. P. Bird, Menominee, Mich., Pres. Pres't; Mrs. Anna M. Whitehorn, Menominee, Mich., Pres. Sec.; Mrs. Joseph Somerville, Menominee, Mich., Pres. Treas.						
Menominee, Mich.....	3	10	3	8	\$59 93	Mrs. Anna Whitehorn
Young Ladies.....	10				32 74	Miss Vina Ruprecht
Girls' Mission Band.....	31			8	44 05	Miss Laura E. Bird
Ford River, Mich.....	12	1			9 00	Mrs. Malcom Aird
Escanaba, Mich.....	20				83 00	Miss Marian Seldon
Willing Workers.....	8	3	3	1	24 00	Miss Marian Seldon
Ishpeming, Mich.....	37	7	27	15	69 15	Miss M. J. Roper
Negaunee, Mich.....	12	4			22 00	Mrs. M. J. Macleod
Forget-Me-Not Band.....	41			5	6 50	Miss Annie Peterson
Marquette, Mich.....	58		18		188 32	Mrs. L. S. Glazier
Girls' Band.....	28	6				Mabel Bonar
Boys' Band.....	19			8		Morgan Stafford
Iron Mountain, Mich.....						Mrs. R. P. Teeters
Sault St. Marie, Mich.....						Mrs. John Ferris
St. Ignace, Mich.....						Mrs. Carey
Marinette, Wis.....	31	6	23		67 25	Mrs. George Ridsdale
Willing Workers.....	17			8	21 30	Miss Georgia Thorn
Cheerful Givers.....	26			8	28 00	Master George Graves
Oconto, Wis.....	32	6	11		20 00	Mrs. Wm. K. Smith
Girls' and Boys' Mission Band.	12	3		13	1 60	Miss May Waggener
Florence, Wis.....	8		2	2	14 00	Mrs. M. A. Whittlesy
Ladies and S. S. combined.....						
Total.....	405	46	82	76	685 84	

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PRESBYTERY OF MADISON.						
Mrs. John Winn, Madison, Pres Pres't; Mrs. D. H. Tullis, Madison, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. L. C. Mears, Madison, Pres. Treas.						
Baraboo.....	5	2	1		\$10 68	Miss Ella McFetridge
Bellville.....	22	1			11 00	Mrs. Esther Barker
Beloit.....	20	13			30 00	Mrs. O. P. Smith
Sabbath School Band.....					20 00	
Cambria.....	12	2	1		15 00	Mrs. Edwin Davis
Cottage Grove.....	19				11 66	Mrs. A. W. Gaston
Janesville.....	8	1			11 25	Mrs. Edward Ruger
Sunday School.....					2 26	
Young Ladies' Missionary Soc.	43	3			25 00	Miss E. May Clark
Kilbourn City.....	17	3		15	23 00	Mrs. Bertha Markham
Lizzie Pendleton Band.....						Miss Lillie M. Sorrenson
Lima.....	15	1			17 00	Mrs. M. A. Godfrey
Boardman Band.....	86					Miss Anna McCord
Lowville.....	13				10 00	Mrs. E. C. Scott
Lodi.....	14	8	8	14	21 15	Miss M. A. Palmer
Mineral Point.....					2 50	Miss Sarah Basset
Madison.....	35	12	30	7	149 00	Mrs. D. H. Tullis
Mary Campbell Band.....	27				26 35	Miss Minnie Ashby
Loving Workers.....	25					Miss Ida Welsh
Oregon.....	14	8	8			Miss M. G. Christison
Poynette.....	12		6		28 75	Mrs. E. F. Russell
Young People's Band.....					3 39	
Prairie du Sac.....	12	4			20 00	Miss Alice G. Conger
Cheerful Givers.....					25 00	Miss Alice H. Conger
Richland Centre.....	20	1	3		9 00	
Portage.....						Miss Kate Kennedy
Total.....	366	52	58	37	471 94	
PRESBYTERY OF MILWAUKEE.						
Mrs. A. K. Strong, Waukesha, Pres. Prest.; Mrs. E. C. White, Box 366, Waukesha, Pres. Sec.; Miss Grace T. Dey, Waukesha, Pres. Treas.						
Milwaukee, Immanuel Church..	68	30		10	311 75	Miss M. W. Candee

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Young Ladies' Society.....	35				\$191 00	Miss Adelaide T. Ricker
Young Girls' Band.....					30 00	Miss Anna Kurtz
Sunday School.....						Mr. Arthur Young
Grace Church Mission Band..		8			30 00	Miss Marie J. Cook
Calvary Church.....	62	18	30	17	212 32	Mrs. G. B. Van Pelt
Mission Band.....	12	18		7	45 00	Miss Julia Cleaver
S. S. 1st Wis. Volunteers....					87 00	Supt. Mr. M. M. Bacon
Somers.....		1	10		6 50	Miss Nettie Dougherty
Waukesha.....	20	15	13		40 50	Mrs. E. C. White
Young People's Society.....						Miss Lucy Stockwell
Sunday School (not a Band) ..						Supt. Prof. W. L. Rankin
Beaver-Dam.....					20 00	Mrs. Ella A. Smith
Racine Young Ladies' Society..	21				50 00	Miss Minnie Bradley
Ottawa.....					11 25	Miss Gussie E. Boone
Manitowoc.....					6 00	
Mrs. Hubbard's S. S. Class....					12 25	Mrs. H. F. Hubbard
Stone Bank.....					10 00	Mrs. Mason
Total.....	198	80	53	34	1071 57	
Boxes, \$481 00						
PRESBYTERY OF WINNEBAGO.						
Mrs. J. E. Chapin, Neenah, Pres.						
Pres't; Mrs. A. K. Moore, Neenah, Pres. Sec. and Treas.						
Fort Howard.....	10	3			12 56	Mrs. Chas. W. Lomas
Little Gleaners.....	10				4 02	Miss Emma Franks
Appleton, Memorial Church....	35	10	5		82 00	Mrs. Wm. J. Allen
Mission Band.....	48			19	27 00	Miss Amelia Stegman
Neenah.....	45	8	8		111 00	Mrs. A. K. Moore
Young People's Miss'ry Ass'n.	25				20 00	Miss Aggie C. Hayward
Coral Workers.....	80			10	27 75	Neal Marsh
Oshkosh.....	43	5			55 20	Miss Mary E. Murdoch
Fond du Lac.....	16	4	26		24 45	Miss Mattie Raymond
Benita Band.....	67			9	32 85	Miss Fannie Brugger
Omro.....	11	10	10		7 75	Miss Hattie E. Wood
Willing Workers.....				10	7 25	Miss Hattie E. Wood
Weyauwega.....	14	2				Mrs. W. W. Crane
Mission Band.....	12					Miss Lizzie Crane
Stevens' Point.....	29	5	11		46 06	Mrs. W. B. Buckingham
Sabbath School Mission Band.	185			11	12 60	Miss Nellie Addleman
Auburndale.....					4 70	Mrs. Lois Hill
Shawano.....						Mrs. L. M. Hughes
Total.....	580	47	60	59	475 19	

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NAME OF SOCIETY AND BANDS.	No. of Members.	Wom. W'k Taken.	For. Mis'y Taken.	Child. W'k Taken.	Amount Contributed.	NAME OF SECRETARY.
PRESBYTERY OF MONTANA.						
Mrs. R. M. Stevenson, Bozeman, Pres. Pres't; Mrs. A. M. Mat- toon, Deer Lodge, Pres. Sec.; Mrs. L. D. Wickes, Boulder Valley, Pres. Treas.						
Bozeman	30	2	...	...	\$36 71	Mrs. M. H. Sanders
Cheerful Givers.....	25	...	...	5	18 50	
Helena	53	12	15	6	138 00	Mrs. E. Sharpe
Deer Lodge.....	12	6	2	6	31 50	Mrs. H. R. Whitehill
Miles City.....	...	...	...	...	52 19	Miss Charlotte Ross
Missonla	...	...	...	...	...	Mrs. D. Tribby
Salt Lake City, 1st Church.....	10	...	...	...	5 50	Miss Laura P. Moore
Emma Welch Band.....	31	...	...	8	...	Miss Maud Ensign
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Eugene City, Oregan	10	2	10	7	40 70	Mrs. N. M. Geary
Salt Lake City Col. Inst.....	31	...	...	...	1 00	Miss Maud Ensign
Total.....	161	20	17	25	282 40	

MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN

Date of appointment.	NAME.	STATION.
1876...	*Mrs. W. J. McKee	Ningpo, China
1860...	Mrs. J. M. W. Farnham.....	Shanghai, China.....
1875...	Mrs. Hunter Corbett.....	Chefoo, China..
1866...	*Mrs J. A. Leyenberger	Chefoo, China.....
1878...	Mrs J. H. Laughlin	Wei Hien, China... ..
1882...	Mrs. J. Newton Hayes.....	Souchow, China.....
1883...	Mrs. Paul Bergen.....	Chenanfoo, China.....
1882...	Mrs. A. A. Fulton.....	Kwai Peng, China.....
1885...	Miss Ellen Ward.....	Peking, China.....
1878...	*Mrs. Thomas C. Winn.	Kanazawa, Japan.....
1883...	Mrs. James B. Porter, M. D.	Kanazawa, Japan.....
1882...	Miss Mary K. Hesser.....	Kanazawa, Japan.....
1886...	Mrs. Laura M. Naylor.....	Kanazawa, Japan.....
1882...	Miss A. E. Garvin.....	Osaka, Japan.....
1883...	Mrs. Chas. M. Fisher.....	Osaka, Japan.....
1882...	Miss Antoinette Warner.....	Osaka, Japan.....
1873...	Mrs. Mary Warren.....	Morar, Gwalior, India.....
1869...	Mrs. A. P. Kelso.....	Saharanpur, India.....
1871...	Mrs. J. J. Lucas.....	Allahabad, India.....
1869...	Mrs. Geo. S. Bergen.	Ambala, India.....
1877...	Mrs. W. J. P. Morrison.....	Ambala, India.....
1880...	Miss Esther E. Patton	Panhala, India.....
1873...	Miss Mary E. Pratt.....	Jalandhar, India.....
1881...	Miss Margaret M. Given.....	Lodiana, India.....
1881...	Miss Carrie Downs.....	Lodiana, India.....
1882...	Miss Lizzie M. Pendleton.....	Dehra, India.....
1887...	Miss Mary B. Lawson.....	Allahabad, India.....
1871...	Miss Mary Jewett.....	Tabriz, Persia.....
1876...	Mrs. L. C. Van Hook.....	Tabriz, Persia
1874...	Mrs. G. W. Holmes	Tabriz, Persia

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Monroe Pres. Soc. and Kalamazoo, Mich..	Marshall, Mich..
General Fund.....	New Castle, Eng.
Springfield Pres. Soc., Ill.....	Lawrenceville, Pa.
General Fund.....	Ohio.
W. M. Soc., 4th Church, Chicago, Ill.....	Washington, Iowa.
Lansing and Saginaw Pres. Socs., Mich...	Milton, Michigan.
Rock River Pres. Soc., Ill.....	Aledo, Ill.
5th and 8th Churches, Chicago, Ill.....	Chicago, Ill.
Chicago Pres. Soc., Ill.....	Lake Forest, Ill.
Galesburg and Socs. in Peoria Pres., Ill...	Galesburg, Ill.
Y. L. S. 1st Church Chicago, Ill.....	Chicago, Ill
Culbertson Memorial Fund, Ind..	Oxford, Ohio.
Mrs. B. Douglass, Chicago, Ill.....	Vincennes, Ind.
Whitewater Pres. Soc., Ind.....	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
W. M. Soc. 4th Church, Chicago, Ill.....	Cairo, Iowa.
New Albany, Pres. Soc., Ind.....	Fulton, Kansas.
Auxiliaries in Indiana.....	Flora, Ill.
W. M Soc., 3d Church, Chicago, Ill.....	India
W. M. Soc., 1st Church, Detroit, Mich.....	Boltonville, Vt.
Indianapolis Pres. Soc., Ind.....	Quincy, Ill.
W. M. S., New Albany, Ind.....	India.
W. M. S , Fort St. Church, Detroit, Mich.	Hillsdale, Mich.
Auxiliaries in Iowa.....	Waterloo, Iowa.
Chicago Pres. Soc., Ill..	Chicago, Ill.
W. M. S. 6th Church, Chicago, Ill	Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Z. Chandler, Detroit, Mich.....	Chenoa, Ill.
General Fund.....	Aberdeen, Dak.
Auxiliaries in Iowa.....	Marshalltown, Iowa.
Crawfordsville Pres. Soc., Ind.....	Albion, Iowa.
General Fund.....	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Date of appointment.	NAME	STATION.
1883..	Miss G. Y. Holliday.....	Tabriz, Persia.....
1872...	Mrs. J. M. Oldfather.....	Tabriz, Persia.....
1886...	Mrs. S. J. Wilson.....	Tabriz, Persia.....
1868...	Miss N. Jennie Dean.....	Oroomiah, Persia.....
1884...	Mrs. A. A. Hargrave	Oroomiah, Persia.....
1885...	Miss Maria Morgan.....	Oroomiah, Persia..
1875...	Miss Sarah Bassett.....	Teheran, Persia.....
1881...	Mrs. W. W. Torrence	Teheran, Persia.....
1882...	Mrs. E. W. Alexander.....	Hamadan, Persia.....
1880...	*Miss Laura A. Olmstead	Bangkok, Siam.....
1884...	Miss Jennie B. Nielson	Petchaburi, Siam
1886...	Miss Jennie M. Small.....	Petchaburi, Siam.....
1882...	Mrs. S. C. Peoples.....	Lakawn, Siam.....
1879...	*Miss Susie H. Calhoun.....	Schweifaf, Syria.....
1853...	Mrs. Wm. Bird	Abeih, Syria.....
1885...	Miss R. McC. Brown... ..	Sidon, Syria.....
1881...	*Mrs. J. F. Houston.....	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1886...	Miss E. J. McIntosh.....	Bogota, U. S. C., So. Am.
1886...	Mrs. Touzeau.....	Bogota, U. S. C., So. Am.
1882...	Miss M. L. Harding.....	Kangwe, West Africa.
1879...	Mrs. M. E. Beall	San Luis Potosi, Mexico....
1886...	Miss Fannie E. Ward	Monterey, Mexico.....
1883...	Mrs. Hubert Brown	Mexico City, Mexico.....
1881...	Miss Margaret C. Fetter.....	Omaha Agency, Nebraska.
1873...	Miss Susie Dougherty	Round Lake, Wisconsin....
1884...	Miss C. A. Dougherty.....	Round Lake, Wisconsin....
1856...	Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson.....	Okmulgee, Indian Ter
1883...	Miss Anna Skea.....	Tama City, Iowa.....
1886...	Miss Martha A. Shepard.....	Tama City, Iowa
1886...	Mrs. C. G. Sterling.....	Pine Ridge Agency, Dak..
1873...	Mrs. W. S. Holt.....	Portland, Oregon.

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W. M. Soc., 1st Church, Indianapolis, Ind..	Indianapolis, Ind.
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General Fund.....	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
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Kalamazoo Pres. Soc., Mich.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Mrs. D. K. Pearsons, Chicago, Ill.....	Denver, Col.
W. M. S., Hyde Park, Ill.....	Chicago, Ill.
Alton and Cairo Pres. Socs., Illinois.....	Williamstown, Mass.
Synodical Soc., Wisconsin	
Milwaukee Pres. Soc., Wisconsin.....	Manasquan, N. J.
2d Church, Indianapolis, Ind.....	Jacksonville, Ill.
General Fund.....	Liberty, Ind.
General Fund.....	Denver, Col.
Mrs. Z. Chandler, Detroit, Mich.	Detroit, Mich.
Des Moines Pres. Soc., Iowa.....	Davenport, Iowa.
Syn. Soc., Minnesota.....	Red Wing, Minn.
W. M. S., Evanston, Ill.....	Chicago, Ill.
Maumee Pres. Soc., Ohio.	Muscatine, Iowa.
Synodical Soc. of Wis.....	Somers, Wis.
General Fund.....	Somers, Wis.
Huron Pres. Soc., Ohio.....	Creek Nation, Ind. Ty.
Syn. Soc., Iowa.....	Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Syn. Soc. Iowa.....	Bariboo, Wis
General Fund.....	Madison, Wis.
Winona Pres. Soc., Minn.....	Rochester, N. Y.

SPECIAL OBJECTS.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS—SCHOLARSHIPS AT OMAHA AGENCY—
COST \$50.

- 1.....Armor Bearers, Princeton, Ill. Partially.
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MEXICO.

BOARDING SCHOOL AT MONTEREY SCHOLARSHIPS—COST EACH, \$60.

NO.

SUPPORTED BY

- 1.....White Pigeon, Mich.
- 2.....L. M. Society, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- 3.....Y. L. M. Society, Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Ill.
- 4.....Sabbath School, Elkhart, Ind.
- 5.....W. M. S., Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 6.....Willing Workers, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 7.....W. M. S., Carlinville, Ill.
- 8.....W. M. S., 12th Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 9.....Young People's Society, Highland Park, Ill.
- 10.....S. S. 1st Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa.
- 11.....S. S. Mendota, Ill.
- 12.....S. S. 1st Church, Davenport, Iowa.
- 13.....W. M. S., Sandwich, Ill.
- 14.....S. S. Dayton, Ind.
- 15.....W. M. S., Terre Haute, Ind.
- 16.....Golden Rule B'd, Saginaw, Mich.
- 17.....W. M. S., Arlington Heights, Ill.
- 18.....S. S. Oak Park, Ill.
- 19.....Y. L. S. Partially, 6th Church, Chicago.
- 20.....W. M. S., Fullerton Ave. Church, Chicago.
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FRESNILLO.

Assistant.....	Y. L. S., 2nd Church, Chicago.....	\$60 00
Rent.....	Y. L. S., 2nd Church, Chicago.....	66 00
Books and Stationery, B'd of Hope, Rochester, Ind.....		25 00

MEXICO PAPER.

Evansville, Ind....	Walnut St., Church	\$60 00
Wayne, Neb.....	Band.....	5 67
Jefferson, Iowa.....	S. S.....	5 00
Helena, Montana.....		8 00
Bozeman, Montana.....	Cheerful Givers...	18 50
Chicago, Ill.....	1st.....	5 00
"	6th.....	
"	Niel McMillan.....	22
Bowling Green, Ohio.....		84 80

SOUTH AMERICA.**BRAZIL.**

LOCATION.		SUPPORTED BY
Evangelistic Work at Pirassunungo.....	\$250	{ First Church, Joliet, Ill. Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
School at Belam.....	126	{ Champaign, Ill. Bloomington, Ill.
Evangelistic Work at San Carlos do Pinhal.....	108	{ Goshen, Ind. Y. L. Band, 1st Church, Springfield, Ill.

AFRICA.

[As reported to the supporters last year, the schools at Gaboon and Kangwe are still closed by order of the French. The missionaries are actively engaged in visiting the people, and are thus enabled to do much good. The money given to these schools has gone for general work in Africa].

BOLONDO SCHOLARSHIPS—EACH, \$15, IN BENITA.

NO.	SUPPORTED BY
1.....	W. M. S., 1st Church, Richmond, Ind.
2.....	Y. L. S., St. Peter, Minn.
3.....	Sabbath School, 1st Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
4.....	Mrs. J. M. Painter, Sciota, Ill.
5.....	W. M. S., Pingree Grove, Ill.
6.....	Sabbath School, Knoxville, Ill.
7.....	W. M. S., Longmont, Neb.
8.....	S. S. Andrew Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

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10.....	W. M. S., Fergus Falls, Minn.
11.....	Y. L. B'd, Emerson, Iowa.
12.....	Cheerful Givers, Calvary Church, Detroit, Mich.
13.....	W. M. S., Winnebago City, Minn.
Bible Woman	S. S., Morrison, Ill.
Bible Woman	W. M. S., Marion, Iowa.
Pastor.....	Westminster Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

FOR THE GABOON SCHOONER.

Litchfield, Minn	Band.....	\$ 5 75
Newton, Iowa.....	Miss Skinner's Class	1 50
Logansport, Ind. (not reported last year).....		5 00
Nevada, Iowa.....	Happy Thought Band.....	5 00
Mechanicsville, Iowa.....		25 00
Neenah, Wis.....	Coral Workers	25 00
Greensburg, Ind.....	Y. P. S.....	14 80

SHARES IN RUNNING EXPENSES OF SCHOONER "THE NASSAU"—
COST, \$45 EACH.

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LIBERIA.

Mrs. Rochel A. Etheridge, Clay Ashland, Native teacher.....	\$200
W. M. S., Buckley, Ill.....	
W. M. S., Mankato, Minn.....	
W. M. S., Poynette, Wis.....	

CHINA.

NAME,

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School under Miss Noyes, Canton, \$110....	S. S. 4th Church, Chicago.
School under Miss Happer, Canton, 100....	S. S. Cen. Ch., Denver, Col.
Room rent, \$16.80.....	{ Miss Fisher's S. S. Class, First Church, Chicago.
Bible Woman, \$33.00.....	Peoria, Ill.
Pupil in Miss Noyes' school, Canton.....	Y. L. M. Band, Freeport, Ill.
Pupil in Miss Noyes' school, Canton.....	W. M. S., Newton, Ill.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN TRAINING SCHOOL, CANTON—COST, \$15.

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 4.....W. M. S., Logansport, Ind.
 5.....W. M. S., Logansport, Ind.
 6.....W. M. S., Logansport, Ind.
 7.....W. M. S., Logansport, Ind.
 8.....Y. L. M. Society, Boulder, Col.
 9.....Busy Bees, Grace Church, Evansville, Ind.
 10.....Shining Lights, Gibson City, Ill.
 11.....Ishpeming, Michigan.
 12.....Bible Class, Howe St. Mission, Chicago.
 Boy in Rev. D. C. McCoy's school, Peking, \$30. 3d Ch., Chicago Band

SCHOLARSHIPS IN NINGPO—COST, EACH, \$25.

NO.

SUPPORTED BY

- 17.....Muncie, Ind.
 18.....Hanover, Ind.
 19.....Busy Bees, Westminster Church, Toledo, Ohio.
 20.....Richardson Mission Band, Detroit, Mich.
 21.....Sabbath School 2d Church, Peoria, Ill.
 22.....Neenah, Wis.
 23.....Malcom, Iowa.
 24.....S. S. Immanuel Church, Milwaukee.
 25.....W. M. S., Shenandoah, Iowa.
 26.....W. M. S., Huron, Ohio.

SHARES IN BOYS' SCHOOL, WEI HIEN—COST, \$40.

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SHARES IN BOYS' SCHOOL, CHENANFOO—COST, \$10.

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SCHOLARSHIPS IN SHANGHAI—COST, EACH, \$40.

NO. SUPPORTED BY

- 14.....Y. L. M. Soc., Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Ill.
15.....W. M. S., Granville, Ohio.
16.....S. S. 1st Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.
17.....Westminster Band, Detroit.
18.....Goshen, Ind.
19.....Sabbath School, 6th Church, Chicago.
20.....W. M. S., Litchfield, Ill.
21.....Y. P. Society, Decatur, Mich.
22.....Centre Church S. S., Crawfordsville, Ind.
24.....W. M. S., Woodson, Ill.
25.....W. M. S., Trenton, Ill.
26.....Y. P. Society, Jacksonville, Ill.
27.....Sabbath School, Alton, Ill.
28.....Mrs. Mendsen, Chicago, Ill.

SOOCHOW—COST, \$100.

NAME.

SUPPORTED BY

Mrs. Hayes' Day School.....Mission Bands, Denver, Col.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN CHEFOO—COST, EACH, \$40.

NO. SUPPORTED BY

- 1.....W. M. S., Kossuth, Iowa.
2.....Sabbath School, 2d Church, Chicago.
3.....Downing Band, Rochester, Minn.
4.....W. M. S., 2d Church, Chicago.
5.....W. M. S., Corning Iowa.
6.....Primary Class, S. S. 2d Church, New Albany, Ind.
7.....Miss Helen L. Cragin, Evanston, Ill.
8.....S. S., 1st Church, South Bend, Ind.
9.....Band, "King's Children," Fargo, Dakota.
10.....W. M. S., Farmington, Ill.
11.....S. S. Class, Ishpeming, Mich., partially.
12.....Y. L. Society, 2d Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
13.....S. S. 2d Church, Lafayette, Ind.
14.....W. M. S., Bismarck, Dakota.

NO.	SUPPORTED BY
15.....	House of Hope S. S., St. Paul, Minn.
16.....	W. M. S., St. Paul, Neb.
17.....	Y. L. S., Cairo, Ill.
18.....	W. M. S., Menominee, Mich.
19.....	Band, Le Sueur, Minn.
20.....	Pontiac, Mich.
21.....	W. M. S., Vinton, Iowa.
22.....	W. M. S., Appleton, Wis.

MRS. CORBETT'S DAY SCHOOL IN CHEMIEH—COST, \$150.

JAPAN.

PUPILS IN GRAHAM SEMINARY, TOKIO—EACH, \$60 00.

NO.	SUPPORTED BY
1.....	Grand Haven, Mich.
2.....	Omaha, Neb.
3.....	Children's Band, Imm'l Church, Milwaukee.
4.....	Prairie City, Ill.
5.....	Rhea Band, Detroit.
6.....	Young People's Society, Lima, Ohio.
7.....	Band 1st Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
8.....	West Unity, Ohio.
Bible Women, cost \$60. Mrs. A. L. Gould, Ridgeville, Ill.	

BIBLE WOMEN, OSAKA, COST—

1	\$68 00
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KANAZAWA BUILDING.

Dayton, Ind., S. S.....	\$60 00
Marinette, Wis., Cheerful Givers.....	21 80

KOREAN MISSION.

Chicago, Ill., 2nd Church Bible Class.....	\$12 19
Chicago, Ill., 4th Church Ladies' Bible Class.....	18 24
Springfield, Ill., 2nd Church, Y. L. S.....	18 95
Cherokee, Ia.....	10 00
Cherokee, Ia., Mrs. J. MacAllister.....	19 00
Lansing, Ia.....	10 00
Greenfield, Ia.....	7 00
Omaha, Neb., Mrs. W. N. McCandlish.....	1 80

SIAM.**BANGKOK TEACHER—COST, \$100.****SUPPORTED BY****Teacher.....S. S. Fort St. Church, Detroit.****SCHOLARSHIPS—COST, EACH, \$30.****NO.****SUPPORTED BY**

- 1.....Excelsior Mission Band, Troy, Ill.
- 2.....Hyde Park, Ill.
- 8.....Richardson Band, Detroit.
- 4..... Infant Class, Fort St. Church, Detroit.
- 5.....S. S. Teachers, Fort St. Church, Detroit.
- 6.....Young People's Band, Knoxville, Ill.
- 7.....Mrs. Walter B. Nunamacher, New Albany, Ind.
- 8.....Mrs. Wm. Sherwood, Duluth.
- 9.....Livingstone, M. B., 1st Church, Toledo, O.
- 11..... Mrs. C. B. Nelson and daughter, Hyde Park.
- 26..... A lady and W. M. S., Cadillac, Mich.
- 27.....W. M. S. 1st Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- 28.....Pearl Gleaners, Grand Forks, Dakota.

TEACHER IN MILL'S SCHOOL—COST, \$50.**Links and Strands.....2nd Church, Lafayette, Ind.****MILL'S SCHOOL—COST, \$40.****PETCHABURI.****COST.****SUPPORTED BY**

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| Theological Student..... | \$60.... | Willing Workers, Denver. |
| Native Teacher..... | 75.... | Delphos, Ohio. |
| Colorado School..... | 40.... | S. S. Colorado Springs, Col. |
| Scholarship..... | 20.... | S. S., Pueblo, Col. |
| Market Street School.... | 50.... | Capitol Ave. Ch., Denver, Col. |
| No. 10 Pupil..... | 30.... | W. M. S., Hardin, Ohio. |
| No. 13 Pupil..... | 80.... | Y. L. S., 2nd Ch., Indianapolis. |
| Oxford School..... | 50.... | W. F. Seminary, Oxford, Ohio. |
| Building at Petchaburi.. | 300.... | Mrs. Vaughn, Wis. |

SCHOOLS UNDER REV. E. DUNLAP—COST, \$200.

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| Y. L. S. Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis..... | \$ 75 00 |
| W. M. S. Jefferson Avenue Church, Detroit, Mich..... | 100 00 |
| S. S. Mankato, Minn..... | 25 00 |

LAOS—CHIENG MAI, GIRLS' SCHOOL—COST \$25.

NO.	SUPPORTED BY
1.....	Doolittle Band, Fostoria, Ohio.
3.....	W. M. S. Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
4.....	Children's Band, Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
5.....	W. M. S., Stillwater, Minn.
6.....	Rural Gleaners, Green Valley, Illinois.
7.....	Sabbath School, Second Church, Springfield, Ill.
9.....	W. M. S., Creston, Nebraska.
10.....	W. M. S., Pisgah Church, Orleans, Illinois.
11.....	W. M. S., Thorntown, Indiana.
12.....	W. M. S., Bethel Church, Cottonwood Grove, Ill.
18.....	Nan Intah Band, Owatonna, Minnesota.
14.....	W. M. S., Marquette, Mich.
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16.....	Gideon's Band, Dell Rapids, Dak.
17.....	Mary Edward's Band, Jeffersonville, Ind.
18.....	Apple Blossoms, Jerseyville, Illinois.
19.....	Sabbath School, Logansport, Indiana.
20.....	Cheerful Givers, Constantine, and White Wings, White Pigeon, Mich.
23.....	Sabbath School, St. Cloud, Minnesota.
24.....	Y. L. M. S., Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Illinois.
26.....	The Gleaners, Fairfield, Iowa.
28.....	Girl's Band, 3d Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.
29.....	Morning Stars, Centralia, Ill.
30.....	W. M. S., Ft. Collins, Col.
31.....	W. M. S., Milford, Mich.
32.....	Y. L. S., Westminster Church, Rockford, Ill.
38.....	Ruth's Band, Broadway Church, Rock Island, Ill.
34.....	W. M. S., Westminster Church, Detroit, Mich.
35.....	W. M. S., Virginia, Ill.
36.....	Y. L. S., Alton, Ill.

LAOS—CHIENG MAI, BOYS' SCHOOL—\$25.

NO.	SUPPORTED BY
1.....	Mrs. Perry H. Smith, Jr., Chicago, Illinois.
2.....	Boys' Band, Central Ch., St. Paul, Minn.
3.....	Willing Hearts Band, Defiance, Ohio.
4.....	W. M. S., Bates, Ill.
6.....	S. S., Sparta, Ill.
7.....	Pearl Seekers Band, Galesburg, Ill.
9.....	W. M. S., Goshen, Ind.
10.....	W. M. S., Sparta, Ill.
11.....	Y. L. S., Madison, Wis.

WORK AMONG THE LAOS.

Wabash, Ind.....	\$ 1 62
Morris, Ill.....	70 00
Vandalia, Ill.....	50 00
Sharon Hill, Ind., Helpers.....	8 00
Lansing, Mich., Franklin St. Church.....	10 00
By Sale of "A Brief Record".....	10 25

INDIA.

BIBLE WOMEN.

NO.	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
1.....	\$50.	Ionia, Mich.
2.....	50	Constantine, Mich.
3.....	50	8th Church, Chicago.
4.....	50	Alton, Ill.
5.....	50	W. M. S., 2d Ch., Chicago.
6.....	50	Springfield, Ill.
7.....	50	Stony Creek, Mich.
8.....	80	Columbus, Ind.
9.....	50	{ Alton, Ill.
		{ Carrollton, Ill.
10.....	50	Monroe, Mich.
11.....	50	Princeville, Ill.
12.....	50	Valparaiso, Ind.
13.....	50	8th Church, Chicago.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS AT RAWAL PINDI.

NO.	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
1 School.....	\$50	Y. L. Soc., 4th Ch., Chicago.
1 Teacher.....	50	Canton, Ill.
2 School.....	50	Mis. Band, Columbus Grove, O.
2 Teacher.....	50	Y. L. Soc., 3d Church, Chicago.
3 School.....	50	Band, Plymouth, Ind.
3 Teacher.....	50	S. S., Minneapolis, Minn.
4 School.....	50	Band, Morrison, Ill.
4 Teacher.....	50	W. M. S., Kirkwood, Ill.
Bible Women, Ruth.....	58	

GIRLS SCHOOLS AT AMBALA—COST, EACH, \$100.

	SUPPORTED BY
1.....	Second Ch., Terre Haute, Ind.
2.....	Lewistown, Ill.
3.....	Peoria, Ill.

SHARES IN BOYS' SCHOOL—COST, \$40.

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VILLAGE SCHOOLS, FUTTEHGURH.

NO.		SUPPORTED BY
Hoffman School.....	\$54	Mrs. Hoffman, Detroit, Mich.
Pierson School.....	36	Rhea Band, Detroit, Mich.

NAME.	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
Harriet Newell School.....	\$42	Y. L. Soc'y, 2d Ch., Freeport, Ill.
Granville School.....	36	Granville, Ohio.

SCHOOL AT GWALIOR, UNDER MRS. DR. WARREN—COST \$100.

	SUPPORTED BY
1.....	W. M. S., 1st Ch., Jackson, Ill.

PUPILS IN INDIA.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
Mainpurie.....	\$25	Ionia, Mich.
Kohlapur, W. M. S.....	30	Hamtramck Church, Detroit.
Kohlapur	30	Three Rivers, Mich.
Mainpurie	25	Sabbath School, Aurora Ill.
Mainpurie	25	Calliope, Iowa.

DEHRA DOON—COST, EACH, \$50.

SCHOLARSHIPS.	SUPPORTED BY.
1....	W. M. S., Constantine, Mich.
4.....	Woodhull, Ill.
5.....	Sterling, Ill.
6	Mendota, Ill. and S. S., Ackley, Iowa.
7.....	Armor Bearers, Dubuque, Iowa.
8.....	S. S., 1st Church, Kalamazoo, Mich.
9.....	S. S., Westminster Ch., Minneapolis.
11.....	Band, Perrysburg, O., and Rushville, Ind.
12.....	Lafayette, Ind.
14.....	W. M. S., Muscatine, Iowa.
15.....	W. L. S. and S. S., Springfield, Ill.
16.....	W. M. S., Chenoa, Ill.

LODIANA, BOYS' SCHOOL—COST, EACH, \$30

- 1..... W. M. S., Greencastle, Ind.
- 2..... Miss M. A. Pollack, Dubuque, Iowa.
- 3..... Waltham, Ill.
- 4..... W. M. S., Trumbull Av. Ch., Detroit.
- 5..... Mosely Mission S. S., 2nd Ch., Chicago, Ill.
- 6..... Band, Bates, Ill.
- 7..... W. M. S., State Centre, Iowa.
- 8..... W. M. S., Dayton, Ind.
- 9..... W. M. S., Florence, Wis.
- 10..... { Warren Kelly, Scholarship, Deer Lodge,
Montana.
- 11..... Y. L. B., Grace Ch., Milwaukee, Wis.
- 12..... Y. L. S., 1st Pres. Ch., Jacksonville, Ill.
- 13..... Band, Pearl Seekers, Galesburg, Ill.
- 14..... A. E. K., Schol'ship, Band, 8d Ch. Chicago.
- 15..... Mrs. Lloyd, 2nd Ch. Chicago.
- 16..... W. M. S., Philo, Ill.
- 17..... S. S., Ft. Howard, Wis.
- 18..... { Foreign Information Guild, Calvary Ch.,
Detroit, Mich.
- 19..... 1st Rock Riv. Volunteers, Sterling, Ill.
- 20..... S. S., Corning, Iowa.
- 21..... S. S., Red Oak, Iowa.
- 22..... S. S., Center Ch., Crawfordsville, Ind.
- 23..... S. S., Tiffin, Ohio.
- 24..... W. M. S., Ridgefield, Ill.
- 25..... Busy Gleaners Band, Grafton, Dakota.

DAY SCHOOLS, LODIANA.

NO.	COST.
1 Mohammedan Girl's School,	\$84 Y. L. S., 2nd Ch., Chicago, Ill.
2 " " " "	72
Zenana Work $\frac{1}{2}$, Bathgate, Dak. . .	
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BIBLE WOMEN—COST \$60.

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BIBLE WOMAN, SAHARANPUR—\$60.

S. S. 8d Church, Chicago, Ill.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS, ALLAHABAD.

Shares—Christian Girls' School, cost.....	\$ 25 00
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BIBLE WOMEN.

NO.	COST.
1.....	\$30
2.....	48 Band, Plymouth, Ind.

ALLAHABAD BUILDING.

Greensburg, Ind., S. S.....	\$ 11 40
Cedar Rapids, Ia., 2nd Church, S. S.....	50 00
Bedford, Ia., S. S.....	6 00
Greenfield, Ia., Band.....	10 00
Red Oak, Ia.....	1 31
"M," Iowa, "a tithe".....	2 15
Essex, Ia., S. S.....	1 25
Sidney, Ia., S. S.....	4 00
Villisca, Ia., S. S.....	2 00
Woodbine, Ia., S. S.....	84
Chicago, Campbell Park Church.....	2 50
Danville, Ill.....	100 00
Springfield, 1st Ch., Y. L. S.....	52 99
Toledo, O., 3d Ch., King's Gardners.....	8 90
Willing Workers.....	10 00
Bayfield, Wis., J. H. Nourse.....	600 00
Marinette, Wis., Cheerful Givers.....	43 20
St. Paul, Minn., East Ch., Infant Class.....	10 00
Ida Grove, Ia.....	20 00
Jackson, Minn.....	30 00
Traverse City, Mich.....	

	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
Village Girls' School.....	\$48 00	
Bazar.....	30 00	

SHARES IN VILLAGE SCHOOLS, JALANDHAR—COST, \$20.

- 1..... Lebanon, Ill., and Memorial Band, Springfield, Ill.
 - 2.... Boys' Band, Rochester, Ind.
 - 3..... W. M. S., Urbana, Ill.
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- Traveling expenses of teacher, \$120.00.

SHARES IN PAUHALA SCHOOL—COST, \$40.

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SYRIA.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS IN ABEIH FIELD.

NAME.	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
Aramoon.....	\$110..	Waukegan, Ill.
Barook.....	110..	Crawfordsville, Ind.
Ain Zehalta.....	110..	Flint, Mich.
Dibbege.....	120..	Y. L. Soc., Jeff. Ave. Ch., Detroit, Mich.
Kafr. Metta.....	70..	
Matully.....	55..	Lima, Ohio.
Ain Bal.....	110..	2d Church, Cedar Rapids and Ottumwa, Iowa.
Malaca.....	110..	Fairfield, Iowa.
Amatoor No. 1.....	110..	S. S. 1st Ch., Indianapolis, Ind.
Amatoor No. 2.....	55..	Fem. Sem., Kalamazoo, Mich.
Deir il Komr.....	95..	S. S., Evanston, Ill.
Deir il Komr, teacher.....	55..	S. S. 4th Ch., Indianapolis, Ind.
Deir il Komr, teacher.....	110..	Calvary Ch., Milwaukee, Wis.
Deir il Komr, rent.....	75..	Calvary Ch., Milwaukee, Wis.
Remleye, teacher.....	80..	2d Church, Springfield, Ill.
Berjain, salary, native helper...	120..	
Berjain, trav. ex. " "	40..	S. S. 1st Ch., Kalamazoo, Mich.
Ain Zehalta, partial sal. pastor..	150..	Richmond, Ind.
Mejd Leyya, teacher.....	70..	

*TRIPOLI—SCHOLARSHIPS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS.

5.....	\$25.....	Smith and Munroe girls, West Bay City, Mich.
6.....	60.....	S. S., Clinton, Iowa.
7.....	60.....	Willing Workers, Pana, Ill.
8.....	20.....	Willing Workers, Attica, Ind.
9.....	10.....	S. S., Immanuel Ch., Milwaukee, Wis.
10.....	10.....	S. S., 1st Ch., Kalamazoo, Mich.

PERSIA.

VILLAGE AND MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS, INCLUDING BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS
—AT A COST OF \$12 TO \$20 ANNUALLY.

LOCATION.	SUPPORTED BY
Gavelan.....	Englewood, Ill.
Carojala.....	Band, White Bear Lake, Minn.
Sherabad.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Chamarke.....	Minneapolis, Minn.
Ada.....	Hyde Park, Ill.
Superghan.....	2d Church, Chicago, Ill.
Abdalacand.....	2d Church, Chicago, Ill.
Abjaloo.....	2d Church, Chicago, Ill.
Babalabad.....	Westminster Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Zengage.....	Jennie Dean's Girls, Milford, Mich.
Homerlooey.....	Englewood, Ill.

CITY RIVER SCHOOLS.

LOCATION.	SUPPORTED BY
Mt. Murrium.....	Lake Forest, Ill.
Seir.....	
Geog Tapa.....	Y. L. S., Birmingham, Mich.
Tutrush.....	Band, Bryan, Ohio.
Gulpashan.....	
Chergoosha.....	Louise and Josie Falley, Lafayette, Ind.
Wazzerwa.....	Fifth Church, Chicago, Ill.
Degalla.....	Englewood, Ill.
Charbosh.....	18th Ave. Church, Denver, Col.
Ulwutul.....	Fifth Church, Chicago, Ill.
Anhar.....	Lansing, Iowa.
Bosh.....	Beloit, Wis.
Checkecklooey.....	Beloit, Wis.
Dizza.....	Bay City, Mich.

*The supporters will be glad to learn that some of the children in Tripoli school are paying their own expenses, and others what they are able; hence the difference in cost.

LOCATION.	SUPPORTED BY
Trizwa.....	Stillwater, Minn.
Curasanlooeey.....	Stillwater, Minn.
Mar Sergis.....	Beloit, Wis.
Senger.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Taccaloeeey.....	Goshen, Ind.

BARRANDOOZ SCHOOLS.

LOCATION.	SUPPORTED BY
Ardashai.....	2d Church, Chicago, Ill.
Dizza Tacca.....	"Sunbeams," Milford, Mich.
Ulizawa.....	Girls' Band, Madison, Wis.
Shimehegean.....	S. S., Milford, Mich.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.

LOCATION.	SUPPORTED BY
Hassan.....	Riverside, Ill.
Merbesloo.....	Riverside, Ill.
Zazan.....	Kilbourne City, Wis.
Birzalin.....	2d Church, Chicago, Ill.
Thadeau.....	A Friend, Chicago, Ill.
Memikan.....	"Sunbeams," Milford, Mich.
Madis.....	Elkhart, Ind.
Gooloozer.....	Stillwater, Minn.
Jeloo.....	Keokuk, Iowa.
Bay.....	Keokuk, Iowa.
Muzria.....	Keokuk, Iowa.
Gawai.....	Keokuk, Iowa.
Terni.....	Lake Forest, Ill.
Mergee.....	Lake Forest, Ill.
Aine Snoone.....	Will Whipple Band, Milford, Mich.
Ezyet.....	S. S. Minonk, Ill.
Bebadee.....	Lima, Wis.
Munsosia.....	Lima, Wis.

SCHOOL AT OROOMIAH—NATIVE TEACHERS, \$50.

	SUPPORTED BY
Teacher.....	Jefferson Park Church, Chicago.
Teacher.....	Y. People's Society, Bloomington, Ill.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PUPILS IN SEMINARY—COST, EACH, \$30.

NO.	SUPPORTED BY
1.....	Little Gleaners, Ypsilanti, Mich.

LOCATION.	SUPPORTED BY
2.....	Southfield, Salim and Howell, Mich.
3.....	Y. L. S. Pontiac, Mich.
4.....	Bay City, Mich.
5.....	Band, Bay City, Mich.
6.....	Detroit, Mich.
7.....	Northville, Mich.
8.....	Homer, Mich.
9.....	Y. L. Band, 1st Church, St. Paul, Minn.
10.....	Wabash, Ind.
11.....	Danville, Ill.
12.....	Lake Forest, Ill.
18....	Lake Forest, Ill.
14.....	Mrs. D. K. Pearsons.
15.....	Perry, Ill.
16.....	Band of Wal. St. Church, Evansville, Ind.
17.....	Hyde Park, Ill.
18.....	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
19.....	Sioux City and Ft. Dodge, Iowa.
20.....	Birmingham, Mich.
43.....	W. M. S., Pontiac, Ill.
Sona.....	Mrs. Whitehead, Chicago, Ill.

STUDENTS AT OROOMIAH COLLEGE—COST, EACH, \$25.

NO.	SUPPORTED BY
1.....	S. S. Band, Petersburg, Ill.
2.....	W. M. S., Salem, Ill.
3.....	Georgetown, Col.
4.....	W. M. S., Brunswick, Ill.
5.....	Band, Marquette, Mich.
6.....	Band, St. Paul, Neb.

NATIVE PASTOR'S WIVES, AND TEACHERS.

NO.	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
1.....	\$ 48	W. M. S., Sparta, Ill.
2.....	35	Dubuque, Iowa.
3.....	35	
4.....	35	Jerseyville, Ill.
5.....	35	Mrs. Milligan, Waveland, Ind.
6.....	35	Bloomington, Ill.
7.....	24	Y. L. Band, Blairstown, Iowa.
8.....	44	Neenah, Wis.
9.....	35	Coldwater, Mich.
10.....	50	Monroe, Mich.

TABRIZ.

NAME.	COST.	SUPPORTED BY
Boarding School.....	\$600	2d Church, Chicago, Ill.
Kindergarten and Day School..	200	
School at Maragha.....	50	Lincoln, Neb.
Pupil, Tabriz School.....		Mission Band, Franklin, Ind.

NATIVE PASTORS' WIVES, \$85 TO \$50.

At Maragha.	At Khoi.
At Sababad.	At Tabriz.

TEHERAN SCHOLARSHIPS, COST, \$50.

NO.	SUPPORTED BY
6.....	Englewood, Ill.
12.....	Basset Band, Rice's Point Ch., Duluth, Minn.
22.....	Centre Church, Crawfordsville, Ind.
18.....	W. M. S. Red Wing, Minn.
25.....	W. M. S. and S. S., Boone, Iowa.
26....	Societies in Peoria Presbytery.
32.....	S. S., Lapeer, Mich.
33.....	Snowflake Soc., Belvidere, Ill.
34.....	S. S., Greensburg, Ind., this year.
"Detroit Scholarship," Detroit, Mich.	

SCHOOL BUILDING AND FURNISHING.

St. Paul, Minn., Y. L. S., Central Church.....	\$100 00
" " Central Church, Y. L. S.....	260 00

TEHERAN HOSPITAL.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Earnest.....	\$ 5 00
Quincy, Ill., 1st Church Band.....	20 00
Hastings, Neb., A Friend.....	20 00
" Bushnell Band.....	80 00
Chicago, Ill., 1st Church, Pr. off.....	100 00
2d Church.....	5 00
Lake Forest, Ill., Madam W. H. Ferry.....	100 00

TEHERAN HOSPITAL.

Chicago, Ill., 2d Church.....	\$80 00
Ft. Wayne Band, 2d Church S. S.....	29 00
Wayne, Neb.....	5 57

OUTFIT AND TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Saginaw, Mich.....	\$280 00
New Albany Pres. Soc.....	14 10
Ludington, Mich.....	5 00
Red Wing, Minn.....	9 80

SUMMARY OF FOREIGN WORK.

No. of missionaries supported.....	61
Bible women.....	18
Native teachers, and pastors' wives.....	31
Boarding Schools.....	6
Day Schools.....	92
Pupils outside of above Boarding Schools.....	218
Work in Korea.	
El Faro (The Lighthouse) Mexican paper.	
Building at Teheran, Persia.	
Desks for Terehan, Persia.	
Building at Petchaburi, Siam.	

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Women's Presbyterian Board of Missions, was held in Davenport, Iowa, April 27 and 28, 1887.

A bright morning, a prettily decorated church and a large audience, to which a cordial welcome was extended by Mrs. Putnam, in behalf of the ladies of Davenport and Rock Island, were conducive to the best of feelings for the occasion.

Really, a business meeting had been held on Tuesday evening, when those most interested, old and young, consulted together about better practical methods of work. The time allotted proved too short for acquiring satisfactory information, so that great expectations centered on the papers and reports of the two great days.

Wednesday morning the reading of scripture, prayer and sweet music made excellent opening exercises. Indeed, the singing of pertinent and stirring hymns, as a company of earnest, Christian women only can sing them, lifted the meeting to a plane of enthusiasm and devotion, from which there was no descent during the two entire days. One deserves special mention, because written for the occasion, by Rev. M. W. Stryker, pastor of the 4th Church, Chicago:

Arouse thy church, Almighty God,
To do the service of to-day !
Stretch forth again the budding rod,
Divide the depths ! Disclose the way !

Thou Captain of Jehovah's host,
With sword in hand, thy purpose show,
Appoint our armies to their post,
As thou didst leaguer Jericho.

Let the long trumpet peal resound !
 With one great shout thy people cry !
 The stubborn barriers kiss the ground,
 And the good cause have victory.

With love's red cross aloft unfurled,
 Let every man before him straight
 Go up, for Christ to storm the world,
 And turn the battle to the gate.

Let arms and arts and plans of men,
 Disposed by thee, the dawn begin;
 And e'en their plots of wrath thy ken
 O'errule to bring the kingdom in.

Let sin's black shadow flee away,
 Immanuel's presence shine again!
 The promises in him are yea,
 And all thy people say Amen.

The gem of Wednesday morning was the grand address of the President, Mrs. Douglass, which contained two questions, "What is the mind of Christ?" and "Have we the mind of Christ?" The broad plan laid in the divine mind for man's redemption was clearly unfolded, and any one listening to the glowing words could easily answer the questions for herself. Turn a few pages and read all that was said, and let it live in your lives.

Mrs. Campbell read the Home Secretaries' Report, making many bright suggestions, lifting us out of the old ruts. Mrs. N. B. Judd, for the Foreign Secretaries, gave a detailed account of the mission stations, asking for more workers, more money, more prayers, until this work shall become worthy of the church.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Farwell, made an earnest appeal for more, and larger, and systematic gifts, and when she announced an increase of receipts over last year, adding that by letter just received from Mr. Rankin, she was informed that the *old debt* of the Board of Foreign Missions was paid, the audience arose and sang with deep feeling, "Praise God from whom all blessing flow."

The music deserves particular commendation. A young lady (volunteer) presided at the organ during each session, and several young ladies of Davenport were on the platform as leaders. Miss Sophie Rhea, of Evanston, Ills., delighted the audience with several sweet songs during the meeting. "As well the singers as players on instruments shall be there."

All through the program were the familiar names of missionaries, and we were to see their faces now, and hear their voices. Miss Carey, of Persia, we have come to think of as one of our home workers, and she said but little, giving a graphic picture of ignorant and oppressed women. Miss Skea, from the Sac and Fox Indians was not able to say much, but we know she is laying good foundations for the conversion of these tribes. Nearly the whole of the bible is now in the Creek language, and the translator and reviser, Mrs. Robertson, exhibited a copy to the assembly. From Africa, Mrs. Campbell brought reliable and stimulating facts which must increase the interest for that country, although the French are just now crowding out our representatives. Mrs. Winn reported as a favorable feature of the work in Japan, that the men desire educated wives. The women of Japan are not reached until the husband is interested. During the meeting, little May Winn sang a Japanese cradle song which brought out a burst of applause. Mrs. Leyenberger, of China, touched a new chord when she announced that her son, recently converted, had decided to join her work abroad.

Of the Wednesday evening meeting a correct word-picture cannot be given. It was a young people's meeting, truly. Miss Clark, of Persia, gave a vivid description of woman there, as Christianity found her, and of its elevating influence upon her condition now. The first woman in Syria who learned to read is still alive, sixty years of age. An eloquent appeal was made for help.

Miss Rhea made a deep impression with her song, "Tell it out." Miss Lawson was introduced to the audience as soon to leave for the school in Allahabad, India. She was enthusiastic, eager to be at work, and enthused her hearers.

The last speaker was Mr. Robert Wilder, of Princeton, the son of a missionary, and his earnest, eloquent words indicated that his feet would soon tread mission ground. He traced the history of missionary work from Old Testament times, alluding to the present great ingathering of souls in Japan. He exhibited a chart of Africa, in which country are 144,000,000 of people, without a single man to tell them the story of salvation. It was an address worthy to close the day.

Thursday, "the last day of the feast," opened with the prayer hour, and the topic chosen by Mrs. Helm, the leader, "I believe in the Holy Ghost," furnished the key-note for the day. A seriousness and solemnity pervaded the assembly to its close.

Business in the form of Synodical Reports occupied a large share of the morning, and all were encouraging, although we are sure that we have not attained our best.

"A Story of One Short Life," as told by Mrs. Stryker, revealed the origin of foreign missionary work in America. This story will soon appear in book form, and every Christian man and woman ought to read the history of Samuel J. Mills.

"Missionary Enthusiasm" was discussed by Mrs. Barlow, of Detroit, but much of its sprightliness and telling power will be lost without her voice and manner. Indifference, lack of time, ignorance, all excuses were met with sharp responses that cannot soon be forgotten.

Mrs. Cook, of Iowa, showed us "The Open Door," and plead with women to rise to their opportunities, and be no longer guilty of the sins of omission.

Mrs. Rhea's voice was the last one heard from the platform, pleading for "The Only Redeemer of God's Elect." Her earnestness and seriousness hushed all the house, and in every heart was a strong desire for the beginning of the "Only Redeemer's" reign.

There were episodes in the meeting which added to its interest, but as well tell the perfume of a flower as describe

these. If anyone would receive an inspiration for Christian work, or a desire to become more like the Christ whose name she bears, let her be present at the missionary meeting to be held in Freeport, Ill., in April, 1888.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

MRS. M. L. D. PUTNAM.

*Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest:
Mrs. President and Ladies:*

No merely formal words of welcome will adequately express the depth of feeling with which we greet the members of this convention. When we consider the importance of the great work in which you are engaged, extending as it does over the known world, and reaching in its influence through the cycles of eternity, the occasion seems freighted with peculiar significance, and upon each of us is impressed important obligations. The ladies of this Church have for months been looking forward with prayerful interest to this meeting of workers in the cause of Missions, whose *visible* presence here to-day may be counted by hundreds, but whose *invisible* presence in the prayers of the absent members may be numbered by thousands. As I see before me now so many of those devoted women who have been long engaged, through this beneficent organization, in extending the benefits of a christian civilization over the world, my heart misgives me from fear that my words may fail to convey to you the *depth* and *tulness* of our greetings.

Welcome all to our beautiful City, whose various attractions are tendered you through the hearty hospitalities of our citizens. Welcome to our Public Library, itself a noble monument of woman's work, where in the hushed silence you will find it a pleasure to peruse the latest thought in the literary world; welcome to our Academy of Science, where devoted hands have gathered rich treasures from the whole Mississippi Valley, arranged not so *much* to attract the *eye* as to arrest the *thought* of the scientific student, and thus lead it through the works of *nature* up to *Nature's God*; welcome also to the Government Works on our beautiful Island, which through

the courtesy of its Commandant, will be thrown open for your visits. *Everywhere* you will find yourselves greeted, not as strangers, but as women consecrated to a noble work.

From *other* lips you will learn the progress of your especial work since the last annual meeting; its hopes deferred and obstacles overcome, the unparalleled success which has rewarded your efforts in many fields of labor, the darkness and gloom which still prevail in so many parts of the world. Mine is the more pleasing task of speaking that precious word Welcome, so dear to the heart of a friend, so delightful to the heart of a stranger. Let me welcome you to the feast of good things prepared by the President and Secretaries, whose busy hands, hearts and brains have gathered information

"From Greenland's Icy Mountain,
From India's Coral Strand,"

from far-away California, from the Isles of the sea, and from our own Indian tribes, and thus to lay before you in its entirety the mission work of the world. The fields ripe for the harvest will thus be revealed to you, and we can better appreciate the command of our Saviour, "Go ye into all the world," and while all cannot go, we may learn how best to "send the Gospel to every creature." We welcome you therefore to the most liberal thought, and the freest discussion as to the best methods for carrying out the commands of our Divine Master.

It has been our endeavor in preparing entertainment for you, to so arrange that, while engrossed with arduous duties, involving questions of deepest moment, the greatest possible comfort should personally be secured to each of you, and hence it is with the greatest pleasure we welcome you to our homes—not only to homes of members of the Presbyterian Church, but of the churches of other denominations in our city, as also of the churches of our sister city of Rock Island. The ladies of the latter city, indeed, have volunteered to furnish all the refreshments for one of your entertainments, and thus you will be able to employ the midday repast in cementing pleasant friendships.

If it be true, as I believe, that friendships founded on religious sentiment are lasting as eternity, then thrice welcome should fall from my lips. If the central thought brought home to each heart be love to our Savior and His love to all mankind, shall not our hearts be attuned to harmonies which will vibrate through the endless ages of eternity, and when we meet on the other shore shall not the friendships here begun be continued throughout futurity, and when, with clearer eyes, we behold the results of this missionary work, shall we not praise God that we have been permitted to take part in these councils, bringing about results only made possible by organized effort. Carlyle has somewhere said "a man, be the heavens ever praised, is sufficient for himself; yet were ten men united in love, capable of being and doing what ten thousand singly would fail in, infinite is the help man can yield to man." Hence it is in all departments of life we now find men and women meeting in conventions, and thus, by organized efforts, accomplishing wonderful results. Especially noticeable is the influence of such gatherings upon woman, who, in the genial atmosphere of beloved sisters intent upon the same work, lays aside her diffidence, and by earnest words electrifies her audience, and sends a thrill of enthusiasm, whose vibrations encircle the world, and long after the voice is silenced the thought has lived in other hearts and proved a benediction to thousands. Truly has one of our members said "consecrated organization for the work is always blessed of God." Therefore we hail the meeting of this convention in our midst, and with outstretched hands and hearts of tenderest love we welcome those we see among you, who, with self-sacrificing devotion, left home and fatherland to carry the gospel to the heathen, and now returned to tell the story of their work and seek needed rest and restoration of health. May the enthusiasm which made it easy for them to consecrate their lives to this noble work give the keynote to our deliberations, and may our discussions be in harmony with this missionary spirit.

When, in imagination, I trace out the lines of influence

which have emanated from this organization and call about me the countless multitude who have been evangelized through its ministrations, I must say again welcome, thrice welcome, to our hearts, our homes, our church, our city; and may God watch over our deliberations and bless our work.

RESPONSE.

MRS. GEO. H. LAFLIN.

"The visible company" here at your bidding to-day is indeed large. There is amongst us a small sprinkling of real live missionaries, whose feet have really trod the dark, rough places of the earth. We have a few enthusiastic, consecrated young women with us, just going out to fill gaps or do aggressive work. The *majority* of your visitors, however, are busy home women—wives, mothers and sisters, whose every day lives are uneventful, but whose hearts are aglow with love for their Redeemer.

We are from China, Siam, India, Africa and from all over this grand northwest, and with one voice we thank you for your very kind welcome and loving words. They are only echoes of the pleasant sounds we have heard ever since we entered last night, the open doors of the hospitable homes of these beautiful neighbor cities. We expected this, for we have experienced the hospitality of Iowa before.

Were we locating a new home, here would be our choice, unless there was danger that the tide of enjoyment would turn us from our work, as the tide of this mighty river turns the ships about whenever they fasten to your wharves.

But we are here for a purpose. For twelve months hundreds of auxiliary societies in the northwest have been working hard for foreign missions, and their representatives have come together to help each other to better work.

Some one has said, "all charity begins in sentiment; but the practical application demands sound, common sense." Surely the missionary work demands the same, and we must

turn to it at once, for our two days sojourn with you will be too short, at the best.

In our Father's house is bread enough, and to spare; in our Father's heart is love enough, and to spare. The questions before us are, the quickest way to distribute this bread, and the plainest way to tell out the story of redeeming love.

While you say, "friendships founded on religious sentiment are lasting as eternity," we assure you that you have won our hearts and that we shall have lasting, pleasant memories of the kindness of all these friends—and together, now, let us make haste to business.

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

MRS. B. DOUGLASS.

What is indicated by this great assembly which is gathered here to-day? It certainly has a meaning. You are met for a purpose. These earnest, thoughtful, intelligent faces looking up into mine give evidence that this coming together is not for amusement, recreation or excitement merely, though they show no lack of capacity for the highest style of enjoyment, the most soulful repose and the most exalted enthusiasm.

What is it that has called so many of us away for a time from children and home, from the boundaries of Northern Minnesota to those of Southern Illinois, from Ohio in the East to Montana in the West, and has brought us to this favored central spot on the banks of the Mississippi? We do not hesitate to declare our object in coming together. We are no band of conspirators, plotting against a Nation's peace. We advocate no high-flown theories of the inalienable right of man to govern himself, unrestrained by any over-ruling power. We are not socialists or anarchists. We do not go into hiding. We openly avow ourselves to be ardent and intense loyalists. We have a Sovereign whom we adore—one Jesus—and we are come to speak "of the things touch-

ing the King." We are confident that "His dominion is an everlasting dominion" and His Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. But, "we see not yet all things put under Him." "All people, nations and languages" do not "serve Him." Nine-tenths of the inhabitants of His own inheritance acknowledge no allegiance to Him. Millions are in open revolt and have set up usurpers in His place, bowing down to gods which their own hands have made, or trusting in some other name than that only one given among men whereby they can be saved. This state of active hostility to the Ruler of the Universe, or of utter indifference to his claims on the part of his rightful subjects, stirs serious questionings in our loyal souls, and in the interest of our Master we have come to consider what can be done to remedy it. If it is no concern of ours, if we can be held to no responsibility in the matter then it is but a waste of time, thought and strength for us to assemble here. Let us go to our homes and our families, let us eat, drink and be merry, and care not though a world in revolt rushes headlong down to sure destruction. But, if God holds you or me in any sense accountable for this state of things, if any measure of responsibility belongs to us, it becomes us not to dismiss this subject lightly. We admit our relationship to our Creator and the rightfulness of His claims upon the creature. We have voluntarily enrolled ourselves among the followers of Christ. We have put on the armor which he has provided. The name of the Great Captain of the Host has been named upon us. We have taken the token of a blood covenant between us by drinking "the blood of the grape" in commemoration of his life poured out for us. We profess to have come into close and abiding union with him and to have hearts which beat responsively to the Royal proclamation, "The Kingdom is the Lord's and He is the Governor among the Nations." Our honor then is at stake. If a point of vantage has been gained by the enemy through our misunderstanding of orders, or our failure to carry them out in their fullest extent, we would not be ignorant of it. We will not admit ourselves to be hypocrites or traitors.

We want to know the will of our Master and to do it. It is incumbent on us then to consider well two vital questions:

1.—What is the mind of Christ in regard to a ruined world?

2.—Have we the mind of Christ?

“Who has known the mind of the Lord? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth and broader than the sea.” What can the finite know of the infinite? There are indeed depths in the Divine understanding which no mortal can fathom—heights not to be scaled by human thought, secret things which belong unto the Lord alone, but blessed be His name “things which are revealed belong to us and to our children.” They belong unto us, and it is our privilege and our duty to know them and to explore the mind of God so far as he reveals it to us by His Word and His Spirit.

Let us then go far back into the counsels of eternity that we may discover the Divine purpose concerning man. A fair planet is called into being—a sinless pair placed upon it—love and obedience are expected from them—freedom of choice is given them—a freedom resulting in a voluntary turning away from God with the acceptance of the appalling, but inevitable penalty, justly due to disobedience. Shall man be left to his own destruction? Shall a ruin, in which a race is involved remain without remedy? Shall Satan rejoice in having foiled God in this creation of beings made in His own image and of a Paradise from which they must be forever expelled? What was God’s thought in regard to a lost world? That it must be saved—at any cost consistent with the maintenance of the honor due unto his name—*it must be saved*. Out of Ruin must spring Redemption. Did it involve exile from heaven, the shrouding of Deity in humanity, a life among the base and unappreciative, humiliation, travail of soul, derision, desertion, death—all must be borne that the glorious work might be accomplished of bringing “life and immortality to light,” of “leading captivity

captive," of gathering many sons to glory and of making the earth to shine forth again "as a royal diadem in the hand of her God." But redemption could only be procured through a kinsman Redeemer; one partaking of man's nature that he might thus die as his substitute; one partaking of God's nature that he might be able to bear the punishment due to the sins of a world which would crush a mere mortal to the lowest hell. The equal and eternal Son of God offered to take man's nature and to bear his penalty. The Father freely surrendered his only-begotten and well-beloved Son. The Spirit took upon himself the office of applying to man the redemption purchased by Christ. In the infinite counsel of the Great Three-in-One the scheme of redemption was complete. Henceforth the daily shedding of the blood of an innocent victim was made a type to man of "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" who should in the fulness of time appear "to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

There was no narrow, limited conception in the divine mind in this purpose of redemption. Look at the breadth and universality of God's thought when even in Eden the promise was made to the first pair "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head," and when, later on, it was reiterated to Abraham "in thy seed shall *all the families of the earth be blessed*." It was no contraction of the blessing, but rather its preservation for a wide-spread fulfilment that when sin became so rampant that a deluge could not flood it out or confusion of tongues confound it, one nation was chosen as a depository of the oracles of God, and that it was guarded and hedged about till the promised Seed should come, through whom immunity from the punishment due to sin could be offered to a perishing world. All the way down the ages shone out the beacon light, "a light to lighten the Gentiles," as well as "the glory of my people, Israel." Scattered throughout Holy Writ were the promises "The Gentiles shall come to Thy light and kings to the brightness of Thy rising" — "To Him shall the gathering of the people be" — "That the residue of men may seek after the Lord and all

the Gentiles upon whom my name is called" — "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." These designs of wide-spread mercy for the race were amply proven when in the fulness of time the Son of God appeared to carry out his purpose of redemption. God's plan, perfectly accomplished, was that there should be invulnerable testimony to the divinity of the Messiah from His birth onward, that His death should not take place in a corner but in a city set on a hill, ancient, venerable, historically familiar to the world—a city that should be preserved as a monument, age after age, even though its contemporaries might be buried in the sands of the desert or entombed in volcanic ashes; that it should be brought about in literal fulfilment of prophecy through the agency of His own people and a power, the most autocratic and universal ever existent upon earth; that the bursting of the seal of imperial Rome affixed to the sepulchre, should be in the face of a picked guard of her all-conquering army; that the resurrected Christ should be seen by hundreds, within closed doors, by the water's side, on the mountain top, and that at the grand culmination of His earthly career, as the angels were about to raise the shout "Lift up your heads, O, ye gates, and let the King of Glory in," He should make the royal declaration to His disciples, "All power is given to me in heaven and on earth—Lo, I am with you alway" and give that command, in which all others are concentrated, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations to observe whatsoever I have commanded you"—"Be witnesses for me unto the uttermost parts of the earth," confirming His previous words "This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached for a witness among all nations and then shall the end come." Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension, Proclamation—God's order—to precede Return and Restitution. All things centered about that pivotal point, the Cross of Christ. Before it convergence, everything pointing towards it—afterwards divergence—everything radiating from it. The great centripetal force of the world was there holding everything fast to itself, and combined with it a centrifugal force which should make the potency of that death

and resurrection felt from centre to circumference. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself," and He then and there made His people partners with Him in his great work, by committing unto them the words of reconciliation. Here was the dawning of a new era—the prelude to enduement with power from on high.

Our glorious Redeemer having finished the work which it was given Him to do was exalted again to the right hand of the Father, "from henceforth expecting." The knell of nearly 1900 years has sounded and that state of expectancy continues. "He waiteth long, is waiting still." How little His people realize that God's expectancy is man's opportunity. Was ever so glorious privilege given mortal man as that of bearing the news of life and immortality to them who sit in the darkness of the shadow of death? Had ever angel so divine employ? "Though morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy" at the creation of a world, though through the midnight air rang their anthem "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will to men" when the Son of God made himself for a little while lower than they for man's redemption, yet not having known the depths of sin's misery, or the heights of redeeming love how could they communicate to another order of beings the infinite treasures of grace? God did not mean that they should do it. He has left it for us, on whom His name is written in letters of blood. "The manifold wisdom of God, for whom every family in heaven and on earth is named," is to be "made known *through the Church*," to those who are "no longer strangers and foreigners," but "fellow-heirs, fellow-members of the body—fellow-partakers of the promise in Jesus through the gospel, fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God"—a broad and inclusive fellowship, in which Christ would have all his chosen share.

Does not even this briefly sketched and imperfect outline prove to us what God's mind is in regard to the world's salvation?

And now let us bring home to ourselves the crucial, testing question, "Have we the mind of Christ?"

"If any man have not the mind of Christ he is none of His." Is it not our privilege, humbly, yet confidently, to declare of Him who "is the chiefest among ten thousand, and the only one altogether lovely, This is my Beloved and this is my Friend"—to assert that Christ-likeness is what above all else we desire—that we would gladly forego the most extravagant eulogies could our character truthfully be summed up in the six little monosyllables, "Ye have the mind of Christ."

If this be so then, would we be conformed to His image we must "measure the pattern." There must be a speaking likeness to Him who is "the first born among many brethren" if we are veritably "sons and daughters of the Lord God Almighty." We must "grow up in all things to Him who is the head," contenting ourselves with no one-sided, abnormal development, but seeking the symmetry and completeness through which only we can attain unto "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Every throb in His great heart must quicken new pulsations in our own. The life-giving blood circulating to the extremities of the body, will teach us the conditions for healthfulness in the body of Christ. No member must be neglected, not even the most remote. "The hand cannot say to the foot, 'I have no need of thee.'" Our vision will be no longer short-sighted, circumscribed and limited, but with lifted eyes we shall look upon far-stretching fields, white unto the harvest. The heavens stoop down and kiss the earth at every point of the horizon, and so would we have "the light of the knowledge of the glory of Christ" illuminate a world.

We must have not only Christ's height of love and His breadth of view, but His spirit of self-sacrifice and abounding activity. If we are truly His, we shall "have a mind to work." Realizing that we are co-workers with Him, we cannot be mere idlers in the vineyard. Like Him, we "must be about our Father's business." Our desires for the salvation

of the world will not be a vague sentiment, but a practical operative power. We shall link Method to Motive and strive to discover the very best ways of doing God's work and of inducing others to do it. At Christ's command, "fill the water pots with water," we will do our part and "fill them to the brim," standing ready to draw out and bear to the guests at the feast, when through his alchemy divine, the water shall be changed to wine. Like Elijah, we will build up the altar of the Lord, and lay the wood in order, and prepare the sacrifice, calling upon God for the falling of that fire from heaven, which only can prove it to be acceptable to Him. We will stretch out the wires over the wide earth, "to the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills," and to the isles of the sea, for the transmission of that message which God only can write on the hearts of those to whom it is sent. It is a complete circuit which writes our telegrams and love to Christ, must begin and end that glorious message, "whoever believeth shall have everlasting life," which it is our duty to flash around the world.

Do we not even now feel an electric thrill reaching us from far off Africa, where that message has been sent, as the scene comes before us so lately enacted there, as described in the Life of the martyred Bishop Hannington? Three native Christian boys are condemned to die for their faith. They are tortured—their arms cut off—bound to a scaffolding under which a fire is made, slowly burning them to death. Around them stand mocking savages, jeering at their protracted agony; taunting them, "Pray now to you 'Isa Masiya' and see if he will come to help you." The spirit of the martyrs enters into the lads and raising their voices they "glorify God in the fires," singing till their poor shriveled tongues refuse longer to form the sounds, the hymn taught them by the missionaries:

"Killa siku tumsi fu."

"Daily, daily, sing to Jesus,
Sing my soul His praises due;
All He does deserves our praises
And our deep devotion too.
For in deep humiliation
He for us did live below;
Died on Calvary's cross of torture;
Rose to save our souls from woe."

"Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast-down, but not destroyed." Do we not see the form of a fourth walking in the fire, and is it not that of the Son of God? Truly Latimer's prophecy has become history and the candle lighted at Oxford is sending its blaze around the world.

Do you wonder that after such a triumphant martyrdom "one of the executioners, struck by the extraordinary fortitude of the lads and their evident faith in another life, came and asked that he too, might be taught to pray?" Are we surprised that though later thirty-two were burned alive in one great funeral pyre, conversions multiplied, brave souls still desired to confess Christ, seeking baptism at the risk of death in its most awful form, and that the savage heathen king found his whole country honey-combed with Christianity?

Must we go to the barbarians of Africa, on whom the light has sprung up after a long night of darkness, for such an example of self-sacrifice and devotion as this? We live so much an exterior, superficial life, our minds are so much "corrupted from the simplicity which is in Christ," we are so pampered by prosperity, so surfeited with material good, so occupied with the "seen and temporal," that these revelations of the power of the unseen and eternal seem to us almost unreal and visionary. They come to us across the ocean as a half-forgotten strain from the Catacombs, or a wail from St. Bartholomew's Day, or an echo from the 22d Psalm. We cannot realize that this occurred, as it were, but yesterday and that even now those walk the earth who are awaiting the gospel message from us, which would lift them too out of bond-slavery to Satan, into the glorious liberty of the children of God. Dare we refuse to deliver it? "I am going to complain to God on the Day of Judgment because you do not send us teachers" said a heathen woman of India who was hungering for the bread of life. The Lord is not deaf to the cries of these starving ones to us who have enough and to spare, and He will not hold us guiltless if we withhold the treasures which He has intrusted to us with the direction "Freely ye have received, freely give." Oh "let this mind be in you which

was also in Christ Jesus" who emptied himself that we might be filled with the riches of His grace. May God open our understandings to take in the truth in its entirety, enlarge our hearts to share it abundantly with others, increase our faith in the promise, "unto me every knee shall bow" and fill us with such love and longing for the presence of our Lord as shall make us eager to sound forth among the nations that apostolic proclamation which must precede his return, "Repent and be converted every one of you, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord whom the heavens must receive until the times of the restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his Holy Prophets since the world began." The beloved Disciple who closed the Scripture canon was privileged to stimulate our faith in this glorious consummation of all things when Christ "shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied" by drawing aside the curtain of the future and showing us this once ruined earth restored to more than its primeval beauty, with its city of the Great King—Jerusalem the Golden—"arrayed as a bride adorned for her husband" and to ravish our sight with the vision of our Messiah, no longer on the cross but as he shall come "to be glorified in His Saints and admired in all them that believe." Oh let the glorious picture be photographed upon our hearts! "His head and His hairs white like wool, as white as snow; upon His head many crowns; His eyes as a flame of fire; His countenance as the Sun shineth in His strength; holding in His right hand seven stars; His feet like unto fine brass as if they burned in a furnace; clothed with a garment down to the foot and girt about with a golden girdle; on His vesture and on his thigh the name written "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." Then "we all with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord shall be changed into the same image from glory to glory; these bodies of our humiliation being fashioned anew that they may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself." Then, Redemption

being complete, voices from heaven will ring out the glorious shout, "The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ," and we, with a great multitude of the redeemed which no man can number, whom we have helped to gather "out of all nations, kindreds, people and tongues," shall respond with the triumphal song "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood and hath made us kings and priests unto God be glory and dominion forever and ever."

REPORTS OF SYNODICAL SECRETARIES.

NORTHERN DAKOTA.

MRS. M. V. WARD.

At the call of the President Mrs. M. J. Montgomery, the annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of North Dakota was held at Jamestown, Dakota, Oct. 9th, 1886. Two Presbyteries were represented; Fargo and Bismarck.

The reports of Secretary and Treasurer were given, and a constitution adopted.

In the evening a popular meeting was held in the interests of missions at which, by request, Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Wood read their papers before Synod. The Syn. Sec. also made the following report to Synod:

The Woman's Synodical Missionary Society in session to-day would respectfully report to the Synod of North Dakota an encouraging advance in our specific work. Pursuant to adjournment last year, we have formed a more permanent organization, adopting a constitution and electing our officers for the year.

Most of our contributions have been devoted to the foreign work, these in all amounting to more than \$300 (though it is not possible to make an accurate account at this season). The banner church of our synod is Bathgate—it is one of the smaller churches but the women are in earnest, and gave \$85.25 to foreign missions. In the two missionary societies there are only twenty-nine members, making the average nearly \$3.00 per member. In home missions the church at Jamestown carries the palm, contributing \$250 to our stricken church at La Moure. We mention these as notable instances of generous giving, that others may be stimulated to increased zeal. Let us all hear the Master saying "Go and do thou likewise."

SOUTHERN DAKOTA.

MRS. T. DICK ARCHER.

We would not be true Dakotians did we report other than success at the close of the year's work.

In only a few societies have the gifts been less than last year. This is not that hands are weary or hearts faint, but because of pressing home needs, and who shall say aught against these who are laying, it may be, but deeper foundations upon which to build grandly in the future. Many societies whose names did not appear last year have fallen into line. Some who heretofore have been content to serve as quiet members of their local society, have taken more responsible positions, and feeling their insufficiency for these things trust to that strength which is made perfect in their weakness.

Each society of the Presbytery of central Dakota, except one, has increased its offering. Some have doubled the figures of last year.

The farmers' wives who compose the society of Rose Hill, held extra meetings during the winter, as they were not content to drop half of the precious "monthly topics" with which the summer's work interfered. They have crowned this, their first year, with a gift of \$20.00.

The synodical meeting, held in October, was the first in which every Presbyterial Society was represented.

There the Indian women and girls with their songs and simple talks, helped to make the exercises interesting. What women who heard one of these say, "we work with our thimbles and needles," did not hear the Master's voice, "what is that in *thine* hand?"

There are times when the need is felt of seeing face to face those returned from foreign lands, who could awaken an interest in many hearts.

We are learning the lesson of patience in these *first years* while laying, stone by stone, the foundation of woman's work in Dakota.

Just now everything promises such a grand seed-time and

harvest to the Dakota farmer and he forgets the summer's heat and winter's cold through which he has passed. So we, contemplating what the coming year will surely bring to us, if we but prove faithful; forgetting the things that are behind we press forward, and with loving hearts "praise Him for that which is passed and trust Him for what is to come."

ILLINOIS.

MRS. H. T. HELM.

Last October the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Illinois, held its annual meeting at Mattoon. We were helped and encouraged by the presence of our beloved President of the Board of the N.W. and Dr. Gillespie, one of the Secretaries of the General Assembly's Board. Their words to us on that occasion will long be remembered. We were also much encouraged by the deep interest manifested in our work by the ministers, who were in attendance on Synod, and with whom we joined in an evening meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions.

At this meeting of our Society it was resolved to divide our State into two districts. The Northern District to embrace Springfield, Peoria, Chicago, Ottawa, Freeport and Rock River Presbyteries, with Mrs. Griffith, of Springfield, as Secretary. The Southern District to embrace Bloomington, Schuyler, Alton, Mattoon and Cairo Presbyteries, with Mrs. Sibley, of Pana, Secretary.

These two Secretaries, who have been so faithful these many years, took up the added burden cheerfully and enthusiastically, expressing themselves as being "in love with their work."

We closed our report last year with the expressed desire that we might "come again rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." We trust you will not be disappointed in the report we present to you, although there may seem to be a falling off in the amount contributed. Your request that our

societies close their reports promptly by March 20th has met with great satisfaction. Previously many held their reports open until the very day of the meeting of the Board.

The past few weeks, which are really our harvest time, will come into the report of next year's work. We are not able, therefore, to give you as large an amount contributed as to this date last year, yet to March 20th there has been an actual gain in most of the Presbyteries. A mere glance at figures sometimes deceives us. For instance, last year Schuyler Presbytery reported a legacy of \$1,000. They are minus this gift this year, and yet they have made a gain in their society of nearly \$200. This may be said of others.

In consideration of these facts we come with glad hearts to give the amount reported by the societies of this State to March 20th as \$25,506.97. Mrs. Griffith says, "we count the gifts of these Christian women of Illinois to the sound of music, even "a new song unto the Lord," for the Master comes with us, and as we count for you, we sing to Him."

The number of societies reported are 415, a gain of 65 over last year. Now and then one drops out of the ranks; generally owing to the loss of a pastor or leader, or the church itself being dropped from the roll. Still, in these places we find copies of our magazines, and know there is precious seed being sown that is to bring a harvest in God's time. "Woman's Work for Woman," and "Children's Work for Children" are deservedly becoming more and more popular, as is manifest in the largely increased circulation. It has been earnestly recommended to our society that untiring efforts be made to add to the number of subscribers, as the surest way of increasing interest.

Mrs. Sibly writes for her district, "there is a more intelligent and heartfelt interest and a greater degree of responsibility manifested in the work of foreign missions than ever before." She also speaks of great benefits derived from the visits of Miss Agnes Carey in Southern Illinois.

It is with pleasure we report that two of Illinois' daughters, Miss Mary E. Bradford, of Lexington, and Miss Lillian T.

Horton, of Chicago, graduated with honor from the Woman's Medical College April 5th, having completed a three year's course of hard study. Dr. Bradford is to fill the position of Interne in the New England Hospital, Mass., for one year, and Dr. Horton the same in the Hospital for Women and Children in Chicago. At the end of this time they will be well fitted to enter upon their chosen service in a foreign field as our medical missionaries. We have now on the field from Illinois sixteen missionaries with three more under orders.

Presbyterial meetings are reported as increasing in interest and spiritually. A growing interest is felt in the work among the young, and a large part of these meetings are given up to a consideration of this subject.

No meetings have been held during the year richer in blessings or bearing more precious fruit than our praise meeting. As one has said, "we caught the echoes from the Heavenly shores and crowned our Jesus King."

They have been to us a foretaste of the great praise meeting above, in which is heard the mingled voices of the redeemed out of every kindred, tribe and tongue, ascribing praises unto Him who hath washed them in his precious blood and made them Kings and Priests unto God.

With this review before us we can heartily endorse Mrs. Griffith's statement that "there is no other Christian activity pays so high a per cent. on investment, as Foreign Missions."

INDIANA.

MRS. JNO. CLARKE.

In looking over the year's work in the Synod of Indiana, we find many causes for encouragement, as well as *some* things which are *not* so hopeful.

If what has been done could be correctly estimated by the results which are seen and known, then would Christian work often appear discouraging. But viewed with the eye of faith and weighed in the balance of eternity, the unseen and

spiritual far exceeds the seen and temporal. In morals, no less than in physics, the law holds good that "action and reaction are equal," and our own hearts will bear witness that all work done for the Master has brought its full reward. So that to-day, although our hands are not filled with fair, ripe fruit, still we feel that our record as societies will not be nothing but leaves;" and thanking God for the past, we may "take heart of grace" for the future.

Among the many blessings and loving favors with which the year has been crowned, we would mention as *one* the privilege of welcoming the Board of the Northwest to our State last spring. We looked forward hopefully to the great results which should come to us from that meeting in awakening our zeal, kindling our enthusiasm and enlarging our benevolence. And so it was hard to repress the feeling of disappointment when the reports from the Presbyterian Secretaries were received and compiled, to find that there was a slight decrease in contributions. And yet, in spite of that disagreeable fact, we are sure that the interest in foreign missions is growing *steadily, if slowly*, and that more people are learning to care for that cause which is so dear to the heart of Christ. Especially is this true of our young people. One of our Presbyterian Secretaries writes: "There are many manifestations that the work has a permanence and promise of steady growth never before attained. The most encouraging feature of the year's work is the increasing interest among our young people." Another Secretary speaks of the delight she feels in knowing that the *boys* are not being left out of this work. She proposes to write the names *very large* in her record book of those boys who fill the office of Secretary in the various mission bands. If our boys can be permeated with the thought of their individual responsibility, to save the world for Christ; if they, with their youthful activity and energy can be taught to work for that consummation, the next decade will see wonderful growth in the Redeemer's kingdom.

We this year report in our eight Presbyteries 147 societies,

35 sabbath schools organized, 9 Young Ladies' societies and 53 bands—9 more organizations than were reported last year.

Of missionary periodicals there are taken 501 copies of Woman's Work, 334 copies of the Foreign Missionary and 410 copies of Children's Work—an increase of 133 copies in the circulation of the latter. That may account for the added interest of the young people. It is said that "knowledge feeds motives," and let us see to it that our children and young people shall have that kind of knowledge which lies at the foundation of all true interest in foreign missions. To this end let us urge an increased circulation of that excellent magazine, "Children's Work for Children."

The total contributions from the State to Foreign Missions through the Board of the Northwest is \$9,120.51, a decrease of \$96.38 from last year's gifts. All the Presbyterian Societies report smaller gifts, except Indianapolis, where there was an increase of \$192.00, and New Albany, which gained \$43.00.

I have not yet received a full list of all the special objects supported by our societies, but among the new ones will mention Mrs. Houston, of Brazil, supported by the 2d church, Indianapolis, and a school under Mr. Bird's care on Mt. Lebanon, which the Indianapolis Presbyterian Society promise to support.

The Presbyterian meetings are now all held in the spring, and *this* spring's meetings have been very interesting ones. Most of them were favored with the presence of a missionary—Miss Olmstead being with the Whitewater Presbyterian Society, Miss Hartwell with New Albany, Mrs. Houston with Indianapolis, and Miss Agnes Carey with Vincennes.

The Presbyterian societies having all passed their decennial are through with the trials and vicissitudes incident to youth and immaturity, and may now be expected to grow stronger and wiser with advancing years.

Our Synodical meetings, held in October, still continue to be both pleasant and profitable. The last one, held with the 1st Church, Fort Wayne, was inspiring and helpful. Mrs. Kumler, Pittsburg; Mrs. Z. M. Humphrey, Lake Forest;

Mrs. Happer, Canton, China, and Mr. Kamangi, a Japanese student at Wabash College, all aided in making the meeting interesting. We are hopeful for a large and good meeting next fall at Evansville.

Is there not every reason for an increase of faith and labor for a cause so blessed as that of Foreign Missions? Nor let us feel that *it is foreign* work. In these wonderful days when we can, in less than a month, receive letters from the busy hands of our missionaries on the other side of the globe, let us feel that the work is *near*. When Jesus stood on the Galilean mountain and said, "Lo, I with you alway, even unto the end of the world," there was no thought of distance or space to Him else had our own salvation been dim and distant to His mind. Let us then be conscious of His constant presence, and feel sure that whatever else may be distant or foreign, He is ever near, and his all-embracing heart of love includes all who labor for Him.

IOWA.

MRS. ALEX. SCOTT. MRS. A. F. YOUNG.

The representatives of the I. W. S. F. Missionary Society come before you to-day with feelings of special interest.

A little less than 12 years ago we began our work as a Synodical organization in this beautiful city on the great "Father of Waters." Not only that, but from one of the homes of this very church went out two beloved daughters, who labored for years under the care of this Board. Is it any wonder that our hearts throb with unusual celerity at this time?

We are glad to be able to report some increase in contributions for the year just closed an advance of $11\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. over last year, and the largest sum ever reported from our Synod.

Five Presbyterial Societies increased their gifts as follows:

04½, 05, 22½, 45½ and 57½ per cent. over what was reported through their respective Presbyterial Treasurers last year.

Three have decreased as follows: 02½, 07½ and 10½ per cent. In one case, the decrease was doubtless owing to the failure in health of the Presbyterial Secretary and the consequent vacancy existing for a time.

We are greatly distressed about one of these delinquents which has been gradually falling behind, until its contributions this year are but three-fourths as much as they were three years ago. Let each officer in that Presbytery and every local society begin *now* to put forth such efforts that another year shall see it taking its wonted place in the ranks. Many societies observed the day of special prayer for Foreign Missions, with blessed results, and a goodly number held their annual Praise meetings. Will not every Society hereafter observe these days, for their own growth, as well as for the welfare of the cause?

From some Societies came up glad thanksgivings because of the growing attendance on the monthly meetings, the deep interest in the November day of prayer, as well as for the grateful praise offerings recently laid at the feet of the Master.

When we think of the 1,000 students who the past winter have volunteered to go out as foreign missionaries, we realize the need of pouring money into the treasury. Let the example set by the poor women and children in North Carolina—who gave to missions the proceeds of one day's cotton picking, be followed by each woman in our church, and there would be no further need for retrenchment. Twenty-two new organizations are reported, but some have fallen asleep. I hope it will not require Gabriel's trumpet to awaken them. Our missionaries with the Indians are doing their best to "Hold the Fort," amid many and varied discouragements. They and we are watching and waiting for the fulfilment of the promise "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." We are reminded that the time is short by the calling home of our sister, Mrs. J. W. Hubbard, of Knoxville, who for a time

gave faithful service as Pres. Sec. Lovely and pleasant in life, death has only called her as the advance guard from our corps of officers.

I asked a dear sister for a thought to embody in this report. She replied "I think our great need is such a sense of our *individual* responsibility as shall lead to a full consecration of ourselves, with all that we have and are, to the service of the Lord. When this becomes universal the Lord's treasury will be full." Said another, "The *we, our* and *they* of organized bodies, is in danger of obliterating the *I* and *me* of its separate members. We inquire with real anxiety what the great Presbyterian church, or the board of the N. W., or even the Iowa Synodical Society is doing for the Lord's work.

Does this question come from *your* heart and *mine*? Am I doing all in my power to help save one soul? Let us pause just here for a few seconds, and with closed eyes and earnest hearts ask sincerely, "Lord, what wilt thou have *ME* to do?"

MICHIGAN.

MRS. C. G. BROWNELL.

Michigan presents her report to-day with feelings of regret that any of her auxiliaries have fallen behind in their contributions, fearing that in too many instances it is an indication of lack of interest and effort. How can we be indifferent and at ease when from every quarter of heathendom there comes a cry for help?

Although failure is written over against some, we are glad to note that others have not disappointed us, nor been indifferent to the opportunities offered them.

By the continued help of these and the interest awakened in those heretofore uninterested, we are able to report a small increase of about five per cent. in our contribution this year.

Of our nine missionaries we have no backward movements to report, but a steady pressing forward in the midst of dis-

couragements, anxieties and privations, some of them taking from their slender incomes to help sustain the work that seems too urgent to be left undone.

In the Grand Rapids Presbyterial Society which is in Home Mission Territory, five more societies report this year than last. Desiring to increase an interest, the Secretary sent to "Room 48" for leaflets, and enclosed about a dozen different ones to each society and band.

Of a society of girls from twelve to twenty years of age, she writes: "I do not know of a healthier Band in this Presbytery, they have good missionary women to 'mother them.'" The members of one society that has a two-months' vacation each summer, pay a vacation fee of fifty cents.

The Secretary expresses the hope of having missionary matters in this Presbytery in such shape that every Christian woman will feel that *she* must be one of the helpers.

Several of the societies in the Presbytery have contributed towards a box for Miss Nielson valued at about \$150.00.

The report from the Lansing Presbyterial Society shows an increase of interest on the part of the young people.

At their recent Presbyterial meeting a special portion of time was given to the young people, which was occupied in giving reports, with some short papers by members of the Bands.

We hear of a young lady in this Presbytery who is so desirous of becoming a missionary that her mind is almost entirely occupied with the thought. One society of ten members, only four whom regularly attend its meetings, has contributed \$25.00 this year. A society in a small church sends reports and contributions regularly each year, though since its organization, neither the pastor nor his wife have given it help.

One lady writes, "we have met with various hindrances, but being determined to organize we resorted to a little stratagem, and organized on Sabbath after church,"

One new society and one band reported this year. The societies in this Presbytery contribute towards the salary of Mrs. J. N. Hayes at Souchow, China.

The Monroe Presbyterial Society secretary reports an increase of work for home missions at the expense of foreign, one society contributing all their money to home missions this year, and some new organizations having done the same with their funds. Others failed to contribute through pressure of home needs. Their names are kept on the roll as an indication that they are expected to do something in the future.

One of the contributions was the interest on a bequest; at the end of fifteen years the legacy is to be paid over to the board.

During the ten years that Mrs. McKee has been a missionary in China, this, and the Kalamazoo Presbyterial society, have provided her salary. At their recent Presbyterial meeting they had Mrs. McKee with them, and had the pleasure of hearing her tell something of her work in Ningpo. It is the desire of the Monroe Presbyterial society to assume the entire salary of Mrs. McKee. In addition to their share in her salary the half of the salary of Miss Patton, of India, has been paid by them, but a society in Detroit has asked for her entire salary hereafter.

The secretary of Kalamazoo Presbyterial Society regrets the falling off in members and contributions in that society, but is thankful that the contributions do not fall off in proportion to that of the members. The old members remain staunch and true.

More visiting in the Presbytery by those interested would increase the number of members, and more training of the young would guide the Presbyterian rills into Presbyterian channels.

Loyalty to our own church is due from its members at all times, emphatically so in its time of need. One new society reported. Contributions \$752.49.

From the Saginaw Presbyterial Society we have reports from eight more organizations than last year, and contributions more than doubled; these societies contributing more than the whole Presbytery last year.

One society reports from a small church with few

workers, "*always* have excellent meetings," one newly organized "*very* excellent meetings." In one new organization the pastor is president, the ladies holding the other offices of the society.

Mrs. Barakat's visits in several societies did us all good, and we feel her good influence in all.

Saginaw city is to have a missionary of its own, having adopted Miss Bradford, who has been fitting herself for medical mission work.

The Secretary of the Detroit Presbyterial Society writes: "with few exceptions, the report has been, 'growing interest,' 'obligations more easily met,' 'meetings more interesting and more fully attended.'"

A lady in charge of a children's Band observes, "when the children begin to think of sending the knowledge of Christ to others, they feel they must accept Him for themselves."

The recent annual meeting of the Society was one of tender interest throughout. Six of the nine missionaries of the Synod are under the special care of this Presbytery.

One hundred and twenty dollars has been raised in the Societies, for Presbyterial and Synodical expenses.

The meeting of our Synodical Society at Grand Rapids, in October, was one of unusual interest. Among other things worthy of note was a practical paper on "The Value of Praise Meetings." Coming, as it did, from a church foremost in Praise Meetings, it spoke authoritatively on the subject. A spirited discussion followed, and fruit has already been gathered from this seed sowing.

The steadily increasing numbers in attendance upon the annual meetings of our Synodical Society, make it seem advisable to hold them, not as heretofore, at the same time and place of Synod, so while the Synod are to go to Bay City, for their next meeting, our Synodical Society is to meet at Ypsilanti a week previous.

MINNESOTA.

MRS. E. S. WILLIAMS.

The closing paragraph of the first State report of Minnesota contains these words: "Expect great things of Minnesota. She is full of life and energy undeveloped." The Synodical reports brought before you from year to year since then have been the history of the development of this life and energy by a company of women whose zeal and consecration have been founded upon their intense conviction that this work was of God and must prevail. The first Presbyterian Society was organized by one whose faith was nothing daunted when at the first annual meeting one delegate only reported herself. At the decennial meeting of this society recently held in St. Paul, the one had grown to fifties. Of the four Presbyteries now constituting the Synod of Minnesota, we give the record of the past year's work.

Red River holds her own as to receipts, but reports an increase in members and in magazines taken, and now stands as follows: 10 societies and bands, 148 members, 47 copies of magazines.

Winona has fallen off a little in receipts, but reports an increase in members and magazines taken as follows: 15 societies and bands, 347 members, 142 copies of magazines.

Mankato has grown in every way and reports 21 societies and bands, 149 copies of magazines, 478 members; amount contributed, \$453.01.

St. Paul Presbytery has made a grand forward move and reports 60 societies and bands, 711 copies of magazines, 1241 members.

The Synod of Minnesota comes before you with a total of \$5,953.91, an increase over our report for 1886 of \$1,407.65, and we come up to the feast with songs of rejoicing. But as we do not regard a mere gain in receipts as the true index of growth, we are glad to notice an increase of interest and strength in many of our auxiliaries. Among the causes which have led to this gain we would make grateful mention of the

meeting in Minneapolis of the General Assembly last spring, the story of whose work at home and abroad, while increasing our knowledge of the needs of the field, which is the world, stimulated us to greater diligence. Then, too, we have been helped and encouraged by visits from some of our returned missionaries—Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Miss Hartwell, the last named having told the story of the work in Siam to twenty of our churches. The labors of all these chosen ones among us are bringing forth rich fruit and have been of incalculable benefit. Owing to their efficient work Mrs. Van Cleve has not felt it necessary or expedient to go about among the churches as much as in former years, but has visited a number and organized several societies and bands.

The Synod has been much stimulated by its gift to the cause, of a dear young girl, Miss Mabel Elliot, who, through the generosity of one of the elect ladies in Chicago, is in training for a mission field; and also by the most satisfactory reports from our missionary Miss Fanny Ward in Monterey, Mexico. There has been a marked increase of interest among the children in the Sunday Schools, many of whom have received faithful instruction and training from those who regard this as a most important and promising part of our work. And it may be that any advance we have made is largely due to the fact that God has laid his anointing hand upon us by calling home four of our workers who were especially dear to us, viz.: Mrs. Robert Mateer, who labored so faithfully and successfully in China till the Master said to her "Come up higher;" our Mrs. Harris who was a power for good and very dear to us all; Mrs. Rittenhouse of St. Paul, who coming of a missionary family was very earnest in the work and much beloved; and our dear and honored Synodical Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Hall, who was so efficient, so faithful, so consecrated, so self-abnegating, and so thoroughly furnished for her responsible position that it will be very difficult to find one who can fill her place. They were very precious to us, but we will not murmur; the memory of their useful, beautiful

lives will be to us like the odor of precious ointment, and, hushing our grief in the assurance that God hath wiped away all tears from their eyes; we will strive and labor more earnestly than ever that "His way may be known upon earth, His saving health among all nations."

NEBRASKA.

MRS. A. HARDY.

I often wonder when taking my pen in hand to compile and arrange our state report, if all other secretaries experience the same feeling as myself, as they try to sort out and give proper place and value to all the minute details pertaining to a year's work in this wonderful cause of missions. Every sheaf and every blade gathered by the loving hands of our workers seem to speak to us in words of pathos and eloquence regarding the waiting, white fields of our Master.

During the year that is just closing, Nebraska's ranks have numbered 2,000 workers. These figures include women, young people and children. During the coming year we hope to *double* our number of young people and children, as special effort is being made to organize each Sabbath School into mission bands.

We have in our state 74 societies and 29 bands, nearly all of which are organized alike for Home and Foreign missions. Under the head of Literature we find copies—

Woman's Work for Woman,	-	-	-	130
Children's Work for Children,	-	-	-	228
Foreign Missionary,	-	-	-	107

Added to this is the "Missionary Department" of our state paper, edited weekly by a lady, which has furnished during the year 208 columns of missionary intelligence to 1,072 women and their children. Initiatory steps have already been taken towards instituting an "Exchange Bureau of

Missionary Intelligence," whereby original articles and communications may be furnished to any auxiliary that may apply for the same. We hope that the near future will enable this to become something tangible and helpful. During the past year a new and beautiful interest has sprung up here and there over our prairies, which we can only express by calling it the "*Household Interest*." Under this name we find a whole family organized into a Mission Band, regularly officered by different members, and doing most effectual work. I beg leave to mention one instance *particularly*, that of a mother and daughter, each supporting a scholarship; one in the Home, the other in the Foreign field. Those of our Presbyteries that have already held their annual spring meeting report unprecedented attendance and interest. Some of them have divided their Presbyteries into *districts*, elected a vice-president for each district, whose duty it is to create interest and secure organizations in the counties comprising her district, and report the same at next annual meeting. Our Synodical meeting, held at Beatrice, in October last, was a season of blessed interest and refreshment. The Master has many noble workers in Nebraska—those who cannot be with you in person to-day, but whose prayers and spiritual presence are here in your midst, and whose hands are earnestly performing the duties of each hour, and whose song is,

"There is work for each one, dearest sisters in Jesus;
No one need be idle at home or abroad.
Abroad there is labor; at home it is precious
To work, wait and pray for the Kingdom of God."

OHIO.

MRS. C. C. DOOLITTLE.

As the domain of our board stretches farther and farther to the great Northwest, and the busy hum of new organizations comes to our ears from those distant States and Territories, we four Presbyteries in the northwest corner of Ohio

feel like those "few sheep in the wilderness," left behind here on the very border at the east. But we are standing at our post and are able to say that we have made a little advance, though obliged to work against some serious disadvantages.

As we are cut off from the synodical associations which were formerly of such help to us, our Presbyterian meetings are made as strong as possible, and are a power for good to the societies, and it is but just to these Presbyterian officers to say here that the success of our work is due to their faithful discharge of duty. The report of the total of our four Presbyteries is as follows:

No. Societies.....	66
No. Bands.....	89
No. Copies W. W. taken.....	163
No. Copies Ch. at H. and A.....	101
No. Copies Ch. Work.....	159

While the number of our adult societies remains about the same there is a decided increase in the number of bands. Among these new organizations there have been some touching instances of self-denial and of real work, to earn the money required to meet the pledges made. Such earnestness will surely have its reward.

In the spiritual aspect of our work there has been much to encourage us in the past year. God has come very graciously near to many of our churches during the winter. His work has been revived and many hearts quickened to a new sense of responsibility, and we have reason to hope that the interest in mission work has received a new and lasting impetus.

Last September Huron Presbytery took a step in advance by holding a series of harvest meetings among the societies. The arrangement of these meetings was made the month previous, so that ample time was given to each society to prepare for its share in the exercises. The leader says of them: "The afternoon meetings were well attended, and were delightful and spiritual meetings. No attempt was made to extend missionary intelligence, but we considered such topics

as "The great demand of the times is for consecrated Christian women," "Responsibility of Women," "Methods of work," etc. The evening meetings were of a different character, and were especially designed to extend missionary intelligence."

The immediate fruit of these meetings was a generous thank-offering to our board, but to those who look for deeper results there is a manifest spiritual growth which must result in greater self-denial and zeal in the service of our Master.

In the week of prayer, Thursday was observed by us in common with the women's societies of our State, in united prayer on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions, that the heavy debt resting on it might be removed. Precious meetings were held on that day and offerings made, some larger and some smaller, as our gifts to that board.

It is well to look back upon the year that is past. We may profit by its failures and be cheered by its successes. But is it not inspiring to look forward? The encouragements are far outweighing the difficulties. Christ's kingdom *is* coming in heathen lands. His temple is rising in their midst; its stones laid in fair colors; its foundations with sapphires; its windows of agate; its gates of carbuncles and all its borders of pleasant stones. And to it stands pledged the promise of our God, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF
THE WESTERN FEMALE SEMINARY, FOR THE YEAR
BEGINNING WITH APR. AND CLOSING MAR. 31st, 1887.

IDA B. ROBBINS.

Our society, including in its membership most of the school, has had a prosperous year. Meetings have been held regularly the first Saturday of each month, an interesting program upon some mission topic being presented by sections of fifteen or twenty young ladies, assisted by a teacher.

A steady growth of mission interest has been discernable, an interest which has been greatly stimulated by frequent let-

ters from friends in the fields and by visits from returned missionaries. We greatly enjoyed having with us Mr. and Mrs. Wynn, of Kanazawa, Japan, Dr. Happer, of China and Miss Olmstead, of Bangkok, Siam.

We have had this year a birthday box, in which the accumulated years of the school were represented by as many pennies. In common consent this money, seventy-one dollars (\$71.00), was used to purchase a communion set, lamps and pulpit furniture for the memorial chapel erected to Mrs. Laughlin, at Wei Hein, China. A box for motherless little Jeanie Mateer was also prepared, and the sending out of these has given additional quickening to our zeal.

The Sabbath "twilight meetings," in which the foreign work is especially remembered, and the monthly concert, held the first Sabbath of every month, are constant inspirations to missionary effort.

Our contributions to Foreign Missions have been as follows:

Regular Contributions.....	\$212 00
Christmas Time Offering.....	30 00
Birthday Box.....	71 00
Toward Wei Hein Hospital.....	200 00
Sale of Memorial Volumes.....	28 00
Total.....	<u>\$541 00</u>

Our most precious gift to the work has been Mrs. Laura M. Naylor, who was waiting appointment at our last report. She sailed for her field of labor in July, and is now joyfully working with Miss Hesser at Kanazawa, Japan.

WISCONSIN.

MISS E. W. CAUDEE.

We come from Wisconsin to-day to lay our consecrated gift on the altar of Foreign Missions, whose fires are kept constantly burning by the fervent prayers, and the holy zeal, of those who spread this annual feast, bidding all come and

taste of the joy and the blessing that work for our heathen sisters brings.

A large majority of the churches in our state are few in members, and have little of this world's goods, hence their gifts are not large; while others are obliged to depend upon the Home Board for aid. But with each passing year, our increase in interest is very apparent. One faithful secretary among these churches has been called to her reward, during the year, and her society sends no report—save—"We cannot fill her place."

Of the 151 churches within the bounds of the Synod of Wisconsin, we report the following summary of work done.

Number of societies and bands 100, 8 societies and 2 bands having been organized during the year. 14 Sabbath Schools are engaged in missionary work; 217 copies of Woman's Work are taken; 308 of Children's Work, and 337 of the Church Magazine, with frequent mention of our valued co-worker "The Interior." We have a reported membership of 1874. These figures, however, are very incomplete, as many societies neglect to report members. The methods of work do not seem to have been made clear to all, as the following have been reported given to Foreign Missions: From Chippewa Presbytery, \$25.00; Winnebago, \$91.43; Milwaukee, \$316.30; making a total of \$432.73, which not having passed through the hands of our Presbyterial Treasurers, cannot be reported among our contributions. This sum includes \$68.00 raised by a Young Ladies' Society, in a special entertainment, dime offerings made by Sunday Schools, special gifts to missionaries, and other objects.

These figures show an advance over last year's gifts, although the cry of "hard times" rings along the lines of secretaries' reports. We note also, a large increase in the number of magazines taken, which gives promise of future success.

Many of our societies have held "Praise Meetings," where sacred offerings have been brought from grateful hearts in acknowledgement of special blessings. One Secretary says:

"Many a prayer has gone with these 'Thank Offerings' that the money may be sent to the right place." Another writes, "We consider our Annual Praise Meeting one of the most interesting features of our mission work. We give out topics on 'Praise.' We enlist our best singers. Songs of praise, with selected anthems are so well rendered, that music loving people come to hear the singing. Responsive reading, with prayers, papers, and the collection of Thank Offerings, with reading of texts are interspersed, making our meetings so attractive that they are looked forward to with glad anticipation by even the most indifferent."

The work among our young people has been very encouraging all through the year, new methods being reported. One Young Ladies' Society send out mite boxes, which are generally distributed among their friends and acquaintances, and returns made every six months.

Another society gave a very novel and delightful Japanese entertainment, which yielded a large harvest for their treasury. Working meetings have been called, and as each member could procure rags, all were asked to bring a bundle of rags for making a carpet, which were cut and prepared for the weaver. The completed work made a pretty rag carpet, which was sent to Miss Dougherty, of the Round Lake Mission. Every thread carried by that weaver's shuttle was laden with the precious incense of the love of those workers for Jesus and his cause.

Other societies report the preparation of boxes, containing pictures, and a variety of useful articles, as sent to the Misses Dougherty of Round Lake, Wisconsin, for their work among the Indians.

If ever we are tempted to be discouraged, we turn with kindling eyes and renewed hope to those brave young hearts and busy hands among us, then thank God, and take courage. May the dear Lord ever be with, and bless, our young workers.

Our missionaries Miss Rebecca McClure Brown of Sidon, Syria; Miss Susie Dougherty, who is under the care of our

Synod, and Mrs. Bird of Abeich, Syria, have been tenderly remembered at the monthly meetings of our societies.

That heavenly ladder, whose top reaches to heaven, has found many an earthly resting-place at these monthly meetings, and the ministering presence of heavenly messengers has been felt by the workers gathered there.

The synodical meeting this year was held at Calvary Church, Milwaukee. A company of eager, earnest faces were assembled to greet with every manifestation of delight and interest, our beloved president, Mrs. Douglass, and her associates, Mrs. Laffin and Mrs. Humphrey.

The wonderful words of wisdom and instruction that fell from consecrated lips that day have penetrated every corner of Wisconsin, and the future alone can tell what may be the results of the blessed seed sowing among those who received the heavenly benediction that came with that sacred day's work.

And now, as the records of another year pass on to join those that have gone before, let us confidently press forward, trusting our future in our Heavenly Father's hands, whose loving care has proved so faithful in the past, and who has promised "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

THE OPEN DOOR FOR WOMEN.

MRS. COOK.

In the wondrous vision granted to the beloved disciple, on the lonely isle of Patmos, he is charged to write this message from the glorious Son of Man in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, to the faithful church at Philadelphia, "Behold I set before thee an open door," as a thought of encouragement and also an incentive to duty; and the same glorious one said also, "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches," and may not we, the christian women of this present time, hear the voice of the glorified one, giving by the Spirit to our hearts, the same grand message, "Behold I set before *you* an open door," and for the same reason that it was given to his chosen church of old, as a thought of cheer, and urging to duty.

Do you ask, what is this door that stands so wide for us to enter, I answer, the door of Christian effort in behalf of others, and particularly of those to whom has not been granted the same glorious privileges which we enjoy.

This great door when once we have entered it, opens to very many avenues, sometimes seeming to run in different directions, but all tending to the same great end, the glory of God, and the good of mankind, all illumined by the same great light, "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ." Never before in the history of the world has there been such an opening of avenues of usefulness to the women of the church; never before have they been permitted, as now, to feel that they are *active* workers in the vineyard of the Lord. Not that I would for one moment disparage the labors of the devoted workers of other days, the faithful mothers and sisters of the Christian church, who have proved their devotion to the cause, in a thousand ways, even to laying down their lives; but hitherto the Lord has led them *mostly* "in the green pastures and by the still waters" of *quiet* usefulness, and their sphere has been in a

measure circumscribed; but now, a new way seems to have been opened to them, and the Savior bids them to enter, and enjoy the blessed privilege of becoming "fellow laborers," with the saints, and with Christ himself, in bringing all the world to the "knowledge of the glorious gospel of the Son of God."

Are *we* heeding the call, oh, my sisters, and striving to enter in?

In a letter to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul writes: A great door and effectual, is opened unto me," but "there are many adversaries," and such we find to be the case in regard to the one of which I speak. Satan is of course always ready to withstand every effort to weaken his power, and he places in the way, many hindrances, which often prove to be very powerful adversaries. Let us look at some of these, and see if we can find any means by which they can be overcome; and the first I would mention, is ignorance.

It seems strange to charge the intelligent Christian women of *to-day* with being prevented from accomplishing the good they would otherwise do by *such* an adversary, for of all times, the present is one when books and papers, study and science, are giving our women information on every subject, and bringing to them the thoughts and researches of the very best minds of this and other ages, and a knowledge of the whole world; yet who of us that have ever undertaken the task of striving to interest some of our sisters in the work that lay so near our own hearts, (the work of missions) but have been astonished at the ignorance manifested in regard to the condition of the heathen world, of their needs and of what was being accomplished by Christian effort. Surely, if all the women of our churches could be only taught and *realize* that the same gospel which has proved its power to beautify and bless *their* lives is equally efficacious in blessing and beautifying the lives of their heathen sisters; could they but know the sadness and darkness of their lot, and the wonderful change produced by the light that streams from the cross of Christ; could they but learn of the wonders that have been

wrought through the efforts of those devoted men and women who "have counted not their lives dear unto themselves" so they might win souls for Christ, and above all could they but hear their pitiful cries for help, for light, for teachers, which come to us each month, through the printed page, they could not longer be unmoved; therefore, I suggest as the most effectual means of vanquishing this foe, the dissemination of good missionary literature, of which at present so much is to be obtained, and by striving to teach the children the importance of the work. Would it not be well that in each society a committee should be appointed to visit every lady of the church and endeavor to persuade her to take and *promise to read* one of the church missionary magazines. Let us also see to it that in every church mission bands are organized, where the children shall be taught of the hungry souls that are starving for the bread of life, of the efforts being made to send it to them, and of the part *they* are called upon to take in the blessed work. Surely, by the time another generation comes to take our places this adversary will cease to oppose.

A second foe, and one closely allied to the first, is prejudice; indeed, I think they are always found together. Some of you have suffered sorely from his darts when you have gone to some Christian friend to whom you have always looked for sympathy, and whose heart has seemed to beat responsive to your own, and with your feelings all aglow with interest in the cause you love so well, have striven to awaken an answering emotion, and rouse her to join with you in carrying forward this labor, so dear to the Savior's heart, have been met with that most foolish announcement, "I don't believe in foreign missions, I do not think they really accomplish any good; the outlay is so great as compared with the results, and there are so many needing help at home," etc. You have all heard just such remarks, and know how like the touch of icy fingers they have fallen upon your heart. This foe is harder to overcome than even the foe of ignorance, for we all know how hard it is to cure the blind-

ness of those who *will not* see, and I know of no other weapons wherewith to meet him than those suggested for the first, for I feel well assured that when ignorance is overcome, prejudice will flee away.

A third adversary, and one that sorely tries the heart of the earnest, faithful laborer, is indifference. Oh! the lack of interest in the mass of women of our churches; can nothing be done to overcome it? Could they but feel that the prophet's call, "Rise up, ye women that are at ease, hear my voice, ye careless daughters," was meant for them, they would arouse and come to help us in this work. Well will it be for them if they awaken before the time comes when the prophet's *warning* applies to them, "Tremble, ye women that are at ease, be troubled, ye careless ones," for all the evils that shall come upon them; and *why*, because "they have made empty the soul of the hungry, and caused the drink of the thirsty to fail." Let them fear lest the curse pronounced upon Meroz fall upon them, "because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." As the best weapon against this adversary I would recommend the careful study of the 32d chapter of Isaiah, and earnest prayer that, ere long, all our Christian sisters may be able to realize in their own experiences the blessedness promised to those "who sow beside all waters," and let our constant effort to awaken others to their duty accompany the prayer. Let a committee be appointed each year to visit every lady in the church and urge her to join the society and attend the regular meetings, and then give them something to do in helping to sustain the meeting, some question to answer, some point on which they are requested to furnish information, or to join in the bible reading, and if you can only succeed in making them willing to lead in prayer, you may be sure you have won them. For when we begin to pray and work for any object we shall never lack for interest. I would also suggest that we join the two branches, the home and foreign work, and let our fingers be employed each meeting in our work for the home box, while we read or talk together of the foreign field appointed.

There are a host of other opposers that stand ready to bar our onward progress, such as worldliness, pride, too great absorption in home duties, etc., on which we have not time to dwell. I will only call your particular attention to one more foe, and that I hardly know how to name; covetousness is not quite right, avarice is not exactly correct, neither would it seem quite kind to call it dishonesty, but it seems to be a lack of appreciation of what rightfully belongs to God. We all acknowledge, *in theory*, that all we have and are comes from Him, that all our possessions are but lent to us, and to be used for His glory, but we *really* forget that they are *only loaned* and that there is interest due. For the many, many rich *gifts* He is constantly bestowing upon us we have nothing to give in return but the loving devotion of our lives, our heart's best affection and gratitude; but for what He *lends* us our worldly goods, He charges interest, and He himself has established the rate. Both under the old and new dispensation the sum claimed is ten per cent., for in the time of Moses God commanded him to say to his people, *All* the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree is the Lord's it is holy unto the Lord; and Christ himself, in speaking of the tithing of *every* thing says, 'this ought ye to have done.' It was practiced by the early Christians, only they gave much more than the tenth, and it ought to be made the rule of the whole Christian church. When once all the Christian men and women of the world are educated to the payment of this just debt, *then* will the work of the Lord be accomplished, for I believe the words spoken through the prophet, Malachi, meant *just literally* what they said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse of the Lord. and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it;" and that they were not meant for the Jews alone, but for us. for Peter calls it the "sure word of prophecy," whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, and adds, "that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation." Can we not overcome this adversary,

my sisters, by resolving that for ourselves, and so far as we can influence others, we will pay this just debt, and I am sure we shall find the promise of God is fulfilled to our own souls, and that *literally* all other needful things shall be added unto us.

It may be asked, what are the avenues to which this open door gives access? I will mention but two of them, or rather one of them with its two great branches, the work given to the women in the home and foreign mission fields. The foreign mission work is no new one, indeed, it dates back to the time of the first great missionary. Our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who left His home in heaven to bring to a lost world a knowledge of a Father's love and a way of salvation through a Redeemer, and this has been true mission work ever since. Until quite recently the active work has been given almost exclusively to our brothers in the churches, but it was found that they were able to reach but a part of those who were "perishing for lack of knowledge." The low estimation in which women were held in heathen lands, and the extreme seclusion in which they were constantly kept, prevented their hearing the story of the cross, as no man might have access to teach them the way of salvation, but women might carry the news to women, and in the providence of God he opened the way that they might be permitted so to do, but, alas! there were not funds in the treasury of the Lord sufficient for these necessary workers. Then the Lord of the vineyard called on the women of the Christian church to go or send laborers into His vineyard, and nobly have they responded. Many, many women have left their homes to teach these degraded ones in heathen lands, and many, many more are praying and saving, and denying themselves, to sustain those who have gone. It is only about 16 years since the first women's society was organized, that women might more effectually help women to a knowledge of the Savior, but already the work has grown to wonderful proportions. The first year the amount of money raised by them was a little over \$7,000.

Since that time the amount each year has gone on steadily increasing, until last year it reached very nearly the sum of 225,000 dollars, (\$193,729) and this without in any way diminishing the amount usually given to the regular benevolent work of the church. The money given by the women of the Presbyterian church in the United States during these sixteen years, foots up to *over* \$2,150,000. And what do these figures represent? The entire support of more than 200 women missionaries, nearly 200 native bible readers and teachers, and over 150 schools. Far more than this, they represent the prayers, and toils, and self denials of thousands of God's children in every walk of life and oh! who can estimate the wealth of blessings to their own hearts for our God "is not slack concerning his promise," and Christ himself has said: "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, *pressed* down, and shaken together and running over."

Oh my sisters ours is a grand work, and one that brings a rich reward. For the encouragement of his faithful ones, the Savior, when telling them of this open door, adds the words, "and no man can shut it." We are sure also that when he opens the door, he will see to it that there shall be willing hearts to enter in, but shall *we* be of that number; shall the Master's work be carried on, and *we* not share in the blessing promised? Oh! when that last glad song of praise "to Him that has loved us, and redeemed us to God by His blood," goes up from all the millions, "out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation," shall *our* voice unite, shall *we* have no part in this grand chorus? "The time is short" for He says, "Behold I come quickly." Oh! let us "hold fast" that no one take our crown and let us conquer all that opposes through the help that comes from prayer, and faithfully following our heavenly leader, and then shall we be of the blessed number of those "who do his commandments, and have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

MISSIONARY ENTHUSIASM.

MRS. G. W. BARLOW.

What is it? What is enthusiasm in other matters?

How often do you meet ladies who are enthusiastic over a trip to Europe. It is their constant subject for planning and preparation, and topic of conversation for weeks before their departure and for months, even years after their return. How many people who attended the Centennial or the New Orleans Exposition, were filled with the thought of what they had seen, and gave glowing descriptions to every one they met, on their return. A trip to the Yosemite or to the White Mountains, a summer at Mackinac or at Chautauqua afford subjects of enthusiastic praise from those who are interested in them.

The ceramic art has its ardent devotees among the ladies. There has been for a few years, a wide-spread craze for all manner of art decorations, with the brush as well as with the needle.

I have known ladies who could rarely find it convenient to attend a *missionary meeting*, no matter what the attractions promised, yet they would allow nothing, (except a funeral,) to interfere with their engagements to attend the embroidery or painting classes.

Their *hearts* were in *that* work. They were interested, *enthusiastic*. Oh, we all recognize enthusiasm when we see it. It needs no definition. No one thinks of calling these people fanatics or hobbyists. Those expressive terms are reserved for those who show some degree of enthusiasm, for temperance, for the spread of the gospel, and for a Christian life that is hid with Christ and is not conformed to this world.

I believe there are actually Christian women—fearful souls—who dare not allow themselves to be led into much enthusiasm in missions or any other religious enterprise for fear of adverse criticism.

Well, I *know* what *that* is. I have seen the elevated eyebrows, the quizzical look, and have heard such remarks as: "Yes, she is a *good* woman, but is a little *peculiar*, has not equipoise, is not well balanced, has not the *quiet views* and *manner* that characterize the *real lady* you know." "She is, in fanatic, a hobbyist on the *subject of missions*. "I hope I shall never be thrown off *my* balance in that way."

Well, is it better that dress or embroidery, or dinner parties be a hobby with you? Is it more intelligent, more ladylike?

But some one says: "I am not afraid of what people will say, but I have no taste for missions." Haven't you? There are many good things for which the *natural* man does not have a *natural* taste.

Some people do not have a *natural* taste for tomatoes and oysters, but they see other people enjoying them, and by trying, they succeed in *cultivating* a taste for them. Most people do not have a *natural* taste for *unselfishness*, in themselves, however much they admire it in others; but unselfishness is desirable and can be cultivated. Any one who has been born again, *can* cultivate a taste for missions, an interest in the spread of the gospel and the conversion of the world, just as you can for any of the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

Your spirit can, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, be brought into harmony with Christ's spirit, on *this* as on all other subjects. Oh, Christian sister, put yourself into God's hands, to be used *by* and *for* Him, as He wills, without any reserve, and you will lead a useful, successful, happy life, even though you *should* become possessed with missionary enthusiasm.

How would you attain this enthusiasm, or a larger degree of it.

These are some of the means I have seen successfully tried:

1st, Prayer; 2d, information; 3d, giving of time talents, influence and means; 4th, prayer. I did not make a mistake when I put prayer first, and last, for that is the *great lever*, We cannot even stir our own hearts and warm them into zeal, or control our own emotions. We *must* have the aid of the

Holy Spirit, so let us ask Him in all sincerity to stir our hearts and lift them to a higher plane on this subject. Let us beware lest we ask for what we do not sincerely want. A thoughtless boy pulls a doorbell and then runs away because he has no real errand. Are not our prayers often like that? Do we not often pull the doorbell and run lest God will come and tell us of something to do? Let us wait for the answer.

Are you sure that you are not afraid to pray to Him to make you an earnest worker for fear He may actually answer your prayer? Pray then, that the Holy Spirit may not only show you what to do, but that He may give you courage and willingness to do it. Pray, not only in secret, but in the meeting. Let no woman say she cannot do this. Certainly, what we can say to God, we need not be ashamed or afraid to say before anyone else.

I think that prayer should be simple, without especial attempt at edifying people. Suppose our children were to ask favors of us for the sake of edifying the people who happened to be present rather than for the thing requested, how ridiculously affected they would appear. It was once said of a minister, that he, on a certain occasion, offered the finest prayer that had ever been offered to a Boston audience.

Some people are gifted in conversation; shall we always be *silent* then because we cannot speak in the same manner? or, shall we let pride keep us from praying in the presence of others because we cannot pray in a beautiful manner?

Cöoperative prayer is a wonderful help out of selfishness, a power to bring us into sympathy with the subject and with each other. When we are talking with God about His work in the world, we are lifted up on a higher plane, and have something like His view of the things of this world.

But prayer with folded hands will not avail. We must work also. But to work intelligently we should be informed in regard to the progress of the Gospel in all lands. In this truly missionary age, books, papers and magazines abound. No one need plead ignorance, for lack of obtainable literature

Books of travel, books from a missionary standpoint, of every country in the world, where there is, or ought to be missions, may be had, and they are interesting too,—quite as fascinating as novels are to some readers.

How many of you read a book a month? Suppose you just try for one year to read a book a month on missions. Say, begin in May, with "Siam and Laos," by our missionaries; in June, read one of the many interesting books on Africa; in July, one of the books on Alaska, written by our missionaries, or a volume on the North American Indians; in August, the Chinese in the United States, by Dr. Speer; in September, *The Mikado's Empire*, by Griffiths, or, *Unbeaten tracks in Japan*, by Miss Bird; in October, Mr. Bassett's new book on Persia, entitled, *The Land of the Imaums*; in November, *Brazil and the Brazilians*, by Fletcher and Kidder; in December, *Bible Work in Bible Lands*, by Mr. Bird; in January, *Around the World Tour of Missions*, by Bainbridge; in February, *China and the Chinese*, by Dr. Nevins; in March, *Mexico, Our Next Door Neighbor*, by Bishop Haven; in April, *The Land of the Veda*, by Dr. Butler, or the new book on India, by our Presbyterian Missionaries. If you have

- read any or all of these substitute others.

If you have never tried this plan before and will try it now, at the close of the year, you will be surprised at your outlook over the world, and you will be charmed with the acquaintance you have made with your brothers and sisters over the face of the earth. Saddened, you will be, as you read of their moral degradation, and physical, as well as spiritual needs; but you will be delighted to learn that in each of these lands the bible and teacher have gone, and there are scattered here and there centres of gospel light.

You will turn with new zest to our missionary magazines to see just what part our own church is taking in the evangelization of these people. You will have a new measure for the contents of your mite box and for your contributions. They will seem both heavier and lighter. Heavier, because you have begun to realize how far-reaching is the influence

of every dime and dollar that is invested in the mission enterprise. The Lord gives a large rate of interest on money invested in the spread of His word.

They will seem light, because, as you become more interested in the mission fields other things that you had deemed so important and necessary to your happiness, and that cost so much money, will look insignificant to you in comparison; and the amount you have previously given will seem out of proportion to what you spend on yourself or your friends.

Then our foreign missionary magazines ought to be read by every woman in the Presbyterian church. They contain the latest news from the ends of the earth; letters from our substitutes who are enduring privations and standing in our places in the battles in the enemy's country; reports from our stewards who give good account of the increase on our investments; tender appeals from dear brothers and sisters who are our co-laborers in the field; all these we should read as eagerly as we do letters from dear friends or letters of business.

We shall not lack for current information if we can read also the magazines of other denominations, exchanging, if need be, our magazines with our neighbors.

I enjoy very much an occasional reading of *Life and Light*, *Helping Hand* and *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and I find the Gospel in all Lands invaluable.

Our religious newspapers have columns devoted to home and foreign missions. Most entertaining tracts and stories are written and printed at low cost.

I think that every auxiliary society should have, at least, a small library of missionary books, and should see to it that the Sabbath School Library contains a number of missionary books, for there they will be read by the young people. I find it a good plan to own missionary books and lend them freely. I think that each society ought to appoint some energetic lady or ladies who will canvass the whole church for subscriptions for *Woman's Work*; and then, besides, let each member recommend it to her friends.

"Oh," I hear you say, "when could I ever get time to read the half of what you have recommended? I take one magazine now, and cannot get time to read it." How about the daily paper; do you get time to read it? Do you read anything? What *do* you read? How many novels and story-books do you read during the year? What is the character of the books that you read from the Public Library?

People generally find time to do what they *want* to do *very much*; and that brings me to the next part of the topic; giving, giving of time. Time put into missionary information and effort is a good investment. It helps *yourself* wonderfully. Indeed, a three or four year's course of study of foreign lands through books and current literature is quite a liberal education in itself. It gives one a broad outlook; it widens one's ideas of duty and privilege. If such study is pursued with an honest search after truth, it will open one's eyes to behold wondrous things in the dealings of God with the children of men.

It will increase your usefulness.

No time to read!

How much time do you spend in less useful ways? How many tucks and ruffles did you put in Susie's muslin dress? How long did it take you to embroider that beautiful skirt for Nellie? How many weeks did you spend over that lam-brequin, or able scarf, or Miss Hattie's dress that is so elaborately trimmed with rick-rack?

You ask: "Are we to have nothing that is beautiful in our homes or in clothing? Yes, a reasonable amount of it; but I have been in the homes of some of my friends where I was reminded of a bazaar or a furniture store rather than tastily arranged parlors.

I have seen little girls and misses, who had become so accustomed to elaborately trimmed clothing, that on no account could they be persuaded cheerfully to wear a plain dress at home, which is not a happy education for any child.

I greatly admire beautiful, dainty things, though I have no leisure to make them. I buy what I *do* have at *missionary bazaars*.

Is your house a sort of thoroughfare for comers and goers, and so you get little time to yourself for reading or anything else? Then I know how to sympathize with you. But did you ever try to entertain your neighborly caller, who just runs in three or four times a week,—informally, in the forenoon or at any time, not to hinder you, you know,—by reading to her or asking her to read aloud, an article or two in *Woman's Work*, or a late letter from a missionary, thereby turning the time, for both of you, to good account?

How many of you over-worked mothers could really afford to hire some of your housework or sewing done, thereby giving employment to some needy persons and giving yourselves much needed rest and an opportunity to read something that will lift you up, out of your daily routine of work and worry, making you more cheerful and refreshed for your real home duties. Would it not be economy to do it? Would not your home be the pleasanter for it, even if you did not buy the new furniture or had to wait another year for the new parlor carpet?

I sometimes fear that many mothers do not find time to read their Bible and talk alone with Jesus every day, and thus miss a great comfort and help. Some way I find that time spent in talking with God or in reading His Word is never time lost. Neither is the time wasted in reading the *Acts of the Apostles* of the *present day*.

Talents! Time, talents, influence and means! That is what you promised to give to God when you publicly professed His name. With too many that seems to mean, as to time, two or three hours on Sabbath at church service, and possibly one hour during the week at prayer-meeting, money enough to rent a well-located pew and an occasional contribution to real benevolence, when their generous feelings have been wrought up to the right pitch by some earnest appeal, the *talents* and *influence* being entirely left out of the account. But *God* does not *forget* the promise, nor the *talents* and *influence*.

What is your talent? In what do you excel?

Martha served. That was *her* talent, and a very useful one it is. Is it yours?

You will find abundant opportunity to use it for church and mission work. Are your fingers deft with the needle? Can you not use them for missionary boxes and outfits, or from the proceeds of your work send your very own money to the board?

Do you draw dainty sketches or paint beautiful pictures, or are you an adept in embroidery? Can you not turn the fruits of your art into "glad tidings" for them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death? A talent for drawing maps and pictures is of great value to a missionary meeting. Ability to write or speak should, of course, contribute its share to this cause.

Not one of us but has the ability to write a note of invitation to a friend to attend the missionary meeting.

Talent to plan. Almost every woman has that. Can you plan a new spring wardrobe? Yes, one for each one of a family of ten, if need be.

Can you plan the furnishing of your parlor, a birthday party for Willie or Katie, a *fourteen course dinner*, or any other pet scheme? Oh, yes. Suppose you put some of your genius for planning into the carrying on of *God's* favorite *scheme*, the redemption of the whole world, and so begin to redeem a part of your promise to Him. Put your study into *mission* work as you do into *fancy* work, or music, or dinner parties, and enthusiasm will come.

Influence. "Oh, well," some one says, "that does not apply to me; I have no influence, or scarcely any."

Haven't you? Who was the lady who went out shopping with Mrs. B. and persuaded her to purchase her cloak at Mr. C.'s store, because she assured her that she could buy cheaper than at Mr. D.'s establishment? Who was it that induced the Smith's to go with her to the Opera House to hear Mr. A., even though it was prayer-meeting night? What young lady was it who induced several of her friends to join the Chautauqua Circle? Who persuaded the young peo-

ple to go to the pleasant picnic you had last summer ? Oh, it was only a few ladies who had a little influence, and who had these several schemes on their minds until they were accomplished.

Won't you have this *Gospel* scheme on your mind and try to influence every acquaintance you meet to read about missions, to attend missionary meetings, to give of their means to do "whatsoever their hands find to do?"

Means. All should give *something*, should give *proportionately* and *cheerfully*. The Bible rules are explicit enough. God's command to the Israelites was that every one should give something, and that each family should render back to God a tenth of their annual *income*—*not profits*, but *income*, besides the *special* gifts. The New Testament rule is similar. Let every one lay by on the first day of the week according as God has prospered him. Both rules imply systematic, as well as proportionate giving

If these rules were but followed *now* by the church, there would be no lack in the Lord's treasury. I believe in giving at least a tenth of one's income. There are many advantages in this plan. You are *sure* of giving; you know how much you give; and, as a rule, you give more intelligently on principle than from emotion.

If a tenth or other proportion is regularly set aside for the Lord's work, you do not then have to be wrought up to a pitch of enthusiasm once in so often to *force* you to give something.

You set about giving the Lord's tenth in the most judicious manner, just as you would plan for your own business. Some wealthy Christians, who boast that they give a great deal more than a tenth, and treat the subject of proportionate giving with fine scorn, if they could be induced to *keep account* of their *income* and their *gifts*, might be greatly astonished to find that they fell far short of the tenth, and that many poorer men gave more than they, but who *tithed* their smaller incomes.

If you give something that you have earned by your own

handiwork, or that you have saved by personal sacrifice, you will know the joy of giving. Could you not feel just as warm and happy in a \$25.00 cloak, when you could have paid \$50.00, but that you chose to give the difference to missions? How much do you *spend on yourself* each year, anyway? From \$50 to \$1000? How much do you give each year to *Missions*? From 25 cents to \$5.00? How much do you spend at Christmas in presents to your friends? Is not Jesus one of your friends? How much do you give to Him at that time? What does Christmas mean anyway? What does it suggest to you? Why do we celebrate it? Can you afford not to give?

A boat makes the best headway up stream when propelled evenly by both oars. Our two oars are giving and praying, and those who *pray earnestly* are apt to give liberally. Says one writer: "Imagine John Knox, praying with great fervor: 'Give me Scotland or I die,' then fumbling around in his vest pocket for his smaller coin to put into Home Mission collection. Or, imagine a lady earnestly pouring out her soul in prayer to God for the Mission in which her society is interested, and next day buying a spring suit with bonnet and gloves to match everything costly, complete, and she has just *twenty-five cents* left for her quarterly or even annual contribution to the treasury of her Missionary society." This brings me to the last part of my subject, *prayer*; prayer for the conversion of the heathen. Is it of avail? Does God hear and answer? You have but to read of the progress of Missions to prove that He does. Behold Livingstone lost in the heart of Africa, praying for that land.

He saw little light, little evidence that his prayers would be answered; still he prayed on. See him on his knees in death, his spirit going up to God with his last prayer for Africa. Poor, lone man; he had done all he could and asked God to do the rest. Was not that grand enthusiasm? Was it not the rest of faith also?

Why did James Gordon Bennet send Stanley into the wilds of Africa? "To find Livingstone," you say.

Who do you think prompted him to do this, and why? Had not God begun to answer Livingstone's prayers even while he was yet alive? Was not Stanley sent to Africa that he, himself might become interested in that "Dark Continent," and that he might do just what he has done, to prepare the way for the Gospel by opening it up to commerce and civilization?

Who put it into the heart of Mr. Arlington of Leeds, (Eng.) to give \$25,000, each to the Uganda, the Tanganyika and the Congo missions. Who put it into the heart of the king of Belgium to do so much for Africa? Who ever heard before of a *monarch* being largely instrumental in establishing a republic, like the Congo Free State? Who sent Bishop Taylor with that wonderful self-denying, self-supporting band of missionaries to South Africa? What means the work of all the various Missionary Boards at work in Africa, if not that Livingstone's telegram to heaven is being answered?

Yes, God answers prayer.

Our missionaries depend largely on prayer. They are always pleading with us to pray for them and their work. The history of their work is full of answers to prayer. It was Jesus himself who taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

May I add that I think our societies ought to set apart one day or at least one-half a day during the week of prayer, for special prayer and appropriate exercises, appointing a different leader for each hour. I wish, also, that we might petition the Committee who have in charge the program for the week of prayer, to give at least one night for Foreign Missions earlier in the week, not leaving that topic for Saturday night, when few will be present or the meeting omitted altogether.

Before closing I wish to speak of enthusiasm in the monthly missionary meeting, and would call your attention to the following outline:

OUR P's AND Q's.

PROGRAM SCRIPTURES.
 PREVIOUSLY HYMNS.
 PREPARED, TOPIC.

PRAISE, SPIRITUAL, SPRIGHTLY, SHORT.
 PROMISES TO US—MISSIONARIES—HEATHEN.
 PRAYERS, BRIEF, POINTED, SPECIFIC, MANY.

BEGIN PROMPTLY.
 BUSINESS.
 BRIEF.

QUESTIONS, TOPIC, GENERAL.
 QUIET, DECENTLY AND IN ORDER.
 QUIT PROMPTLY, 1 h., 15 m.

PERQUISITES, COLLECTION.
 PICTURES, MAPS, BLACKBOARD, CURIOS.
 ITEMS, LETTERS, STORIES, GREETINGS.

The program should be thoroughly prepared. The same amount of interest and application that is put into our worldly affairs, will enable us to provide a good and entertaining program. People will attend a meeting where they feel sure they will hear something *worth hearing*, or if they have something to do, if it is only to read a text or an answer to a question. Witness how many ladies will come out to the *annual* society meeting? Why? Because it has been announced that their Pastor is to address the meeting and they expect to hear something interesting. They should be *led to expect something interesting at every meeting*. Give each one something to do

Give to new members who do not know just where to look for items of interest, *special* things to do. I fear that those of us who have studied missions and have attended the meetings for years, are apt to lose sight of the fact that there are, or ought to be continually coming in, new members who

do not have our outlook, who must have the work and the stations made plain, since they are beginners, and our glib talk about Missionaries and stations is all Greek to them. We take too much for granted in regard to the information of those who attend our meetings. Let us now consider a few points for the program.

Appropriate *scriptures* and *hymns* should be selected beforehand. The *topic* should also be given out beforehand, either in questions and answers, or in sub-divisions, in a way to employ as many persons as possible. The *songs* should be spiritual, inspiring, not too high, not painfully "dragging their slow length along," but a kind that will give you an uplift. Sing short songs and often, or a few stanzas at a time. Have occasional solos and duetts; *that* will bring in your good singers.

Use all the talent you have.

Scripture promises are abundant that are appropriate to us to our missionaries and in regard to the heathen.

Prayer. Have short prayers, for special objects; not for everything. Better many short prayers from the heart, than one long prayer that embraces everything. Those of you who pray often, have a care that your prayer is not so comprehensive that others may feel there is nothing *left for them* to ask for. I think there should not be less than half a dozen prayers at each meeting. Let your leader feel sure that she can always depend upon you to pray.

Begin promptly and no one will count on delay. Let the *business* be *brief*. Let not time be wasted in profitless discussion of unimportant matters.

Questions. I like the plan of the topic taken up in from 30 to 50 brief questions and answers, given out beforehand. I think it is profitable to give a few minutes to hearing and answering general questions from the members, oral or written, on missions in general.

Quiet. "Let everything be done decently and in order." *Presbyterian fashion.* It is annoying to have persons whis-

pering or making any confusion or interruption during the program, and it is not in good taste.

Quit promptly at the appointed time. But when is the appointed time? Most of you will reply, "one hour." Well, in my opinion, one hour is too long for a dull meeting and not long enough for a good meeting. Say one hour and a quarter. You will sit that long at an elaborate dinner and never think of weariness; or twice as long at a concert or lecture, maybe.

Perquisites. Now I am sure you are thinking that word refers alone to money, to fees, and is not properly used here; nevertheless, I have chosen to use it, to describe the extras, outside of the regulation program.

Take up a collection, of course, and thus make sure of enough money in your incidental fund to send a delegate from your society to the annual meeting of the board.

A *blackboard* with statistics or names of our missionaries and their stations, is a help.

Maps. Have the stations pointed out, the route of a mission tour, a new railroad or telegraph line, stage lines, caravan routes or an imaginary trip to some mission field.

Large pictures, if obtainable, add to the interest, and a collection of small pictures to be examined at the close of the meeting are easily obtained in books and magazines.

Curios and photographs, or any objects of interest connected with the topics might be brought to the meeting by any who possess them. Letters from missionaries, or parts of them read or told, items of fresh missionary news, a recitation or a good short story *well read*, each add interest to the meetings. I would have prayer and singing first and last and in the midst of the exercises.

Last, but not least, *much* depends on the *cordial greetings* before and after the meetings. Make every one *welcome*, especially the strangers or those unaccustomed to attend. Be unselfish enough to deny yourselves the pleasure of your little *after-meeting visits* with *your particular friends*, and make the strangers, those "not in your set, *feel at home*. Did you ever go on a boat ride or on an excursion, where

every one else was in the company of friends and you were an entire stranger to all? I did once. I did not want to go again. How do you know but that is the way with some who come only once or twice to your meetings, and you wonder why they drop out, and you say: "How strange it is that they do not have *more interest in missions.*" *You* fail to see how strange it seemed to *them* that *you* are not interested in any one except your particular friends.

Paul, the great missionary, was ever *greeting* his fellow laborers. Let us emulate his example. Yea, more; let us imitate Him who did not hesitate to eat with publicans and sinners.

THE ONLY REDEEMER OF GOD'S ELECT.

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Who is He? We ask first the oldest and greatest nation China. They say it is Confucius, 400,000,000 lips repeat and give it emphasis. It must be Confucius, the great Teacher, Philosopher and Moralist. His wise doctrines have molded the nation into a solid mass. No centrifugal force can send its particles flying off. China is one, the central, the celestial kingdom. Sufficient for itself, invaluable, unapproachable, wrapped up in scorn of foreign barbarians, their inventions, learning and religion.

But the centrifugal force asserts itself and is at work! Disintegration has begun. Chinamen are in Davenport, in Chicago! Sunday Schools are held for them. One there told me he had learned of Jesus, and loved him as his Savior. I saw them often at Mr. Moody's meetings, at Dr. Withrows first communion in the 3d church, a row of these brown skinned brethren stood up and were baptized in the Triune name and sat down to the Lord's table. So China's answer will not hold as to the Redeemer of God's elect—no, not even for China. It cannot be Confusius.

We pass on to China's neighbors, Korea and Japan, They are disintegrating too. Hoary systems of idolatry are crumbling. The sands on which they built their house of hope are being swept away. Dr. Scudder is called from Chicago. A Japanese banker, himself a heathen, pledges \$10,000 to support a school, in which the Bible and the christian religion is to be taught in English. We cannot accept what they discard—we pass to India.

Ah, here we have the answer, clear and strong, with gradations of tone, in caste, but the full octave in open chord in grand orchestra, 350,000,000 voices from India's coral strand where spicy breezes blow o'er Ceylons isle. It is Buddha. the one Buddha and Buddha's 30,000,000 manifestations! An

idolatry religion with 30,000,000 gods! An English poet, wise and learned, paints the picture of the amiable Buddha in all the colors of the rainbow and turns on all the light of Asia whatever that may be, *Light of Asia*, and he adds his English voice to the 350,000,000 from many an ancient river, from many a palmy plain. It must be Buddha. But no, civilized nations in the light of the 19th century, different from the light of Asia, have higher ambition than for divine absorption and everlasting unmoving, unfeeling nirvana and they cry out, "a thousand times no, not Buddha!"

Turkey, Persia, Arabia and Egypt declare with an assurance that closes the ears to argument, and it is echoed by muezzins from every minaret, and every moslem war puts a period to the sentence with the point of the sword, "It is Mohammed, the prophet of God." But we know he is only the false prophet—we cannot accept his redemption. The world has grown since the conquest of the Saracens. You cannot turn it back to those dark ages any more than you can put Solomon's liberated genii into the bottle or crush an oak back into an acorn.

To illustrate freedom in Turkey, my daughter and her husband, passing on to Persia, had a case of household goods detained in the Custom House in Constantinople, because it contained copies of the Memoir of Henry Martyn! A "bad" book!

We will not go for redemption to the aborigines of America, the Islands of the Sea or the Dark Continent, to be entangled in the horrid rites and mysteries of devil worship and feteichism. The clanking chains of slavery sound through the world. The path is paved with skulls. The palaces of nude kings are built on living bodies and cemented with human blood. Such thralldom appeals to man's profoundest pity, and Jehovah hears in the fulness of time—and it is now—when Ethioipia stretches out black and bloody hands to God.

A different darkness, but still a darkness that may be felt, shrouds other lands that have never, perhaps, been called dark, but are dark, without the Bible "cheered by no celestial ray"

—Papal Europe, Mexico and South America, where Christ's glories are covered by saintly and virgin intervention.

Study history and geography. You turn away from the papacy unsatisfied. It pulls down and deteriorates, does not build up and improve. It hides the truth rather than reveals it, and only the Truth shall make the world free.

But where is it—this vital Truth? Four great thoughts press down every human being—our inalienable inheritance. Sin, Hell, Probation, Eternity. They are not gentle words, or musical, or polite. Are they becoming obsolete? We hear them less and less in pulpits and in conversation. But these words must be considered for ourselves and for all contemporary with us. In view then of Sin, Hell, Probation and Eternity we must go on with our quest. This stupendous mystery, this problem of the ages, must be solved. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect? Can we know with infallible assurance "worthy of all acceptance?" Since Calvary, the curtain is rent, we go unrebuked into the holy of holies. Jehovah has revealed even to babes the question which all the worlds and all the ages could not answer without the Divine revelation. I ask a little girl in this church, "Maggie, who is the Redeemer of God's elect."

Maggie—"The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man, in two distinct natures and one person forever."

Sublime question! Magnificent answer! The answer is finer than the question, for it declares the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and hedges it in with a definition that defines the truth. The Redeemer and the only Redeemer. There is salvation in none other. None other name given. Dwell on the word "elect." Is it exclusive? Some pronounce it as if spelled with an "s"—select. The doctrine of election is a stumbling block to some. They feel the attractions of the cross, but resolutely resist them from fear of not being of the elect. Well, I think there is a limitation about the elect—an "if"—a fence, but in the fence, a gate. Bunyan calls it the

wicket gate at the head of the way. It is not put there so much to shut out as to let in. Do you notice what kind it lets in? Only one kind—sinners. No man ever put his hands in his ears and turned his back on the City of Destruction and his face toward the Celestial City, and went on, running and crying, “life, life, eternal life,” but he got in the wicket gate and was of the elect; “elect,” because he was truly in and could never get out again. He was saved with an everlasting salvation. Of whom Christ says “mine,” not one shall ever be plucked out of his hands. The springs of that gate are very peculiar. They act like valves. Valves are contrivances that permit the passage of a fluid in one direction, but prevent it passing back in the other. Open to receive, closed to retain. Blessed Noah in the flood, shut in the ark by God and couldn’t get out! But what will open this wonderful gate? Nothing but a sinner’s hand; no hand but one with stains on it. No righteous person can get in, needn’t try. He came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

The more I look at that gate, the more it seems built to let the heathen in. They are athirst, sick, weary, heavy laden, sinners, prodigal. Do you say there is only wrath for them—they are to be destroyed, broken, dashed in pieces like a potter’s vessel? Read love between the lines. How does light destroy darkness? It pervades and illuminates it. The heathen are to be destroyed by the conquering Prince of Peace. History tells of the German Sigismund conqueror, that his enemies were subdued and turned into friends and allies. Christ is such a victor. Perhaps here are some who understand this mystery. They had to be broken before they would yield. David had to, and Paul, and John Bunyan and Rutherford, Madam Guyon and Mrs. Prentice. Then let him dash and break, and pluck out eyes and cut off right hands, so we do but get safely in! Christ makes reprisals from the kingdom of darkness and so builds up his own, changing enemies into friends. Through all probation time this is his special work and he delights in it. Nothing hinders his gracious purposes.

He converts Africaner, Kapolani, Newton, Moody, Murphy, Jerry McCauley!

I am so glad that He is the only Redeemer of God's elect and not another. Who else could be? Napoleon, Cæsar, Alexander, Washington, Lincoln, an angel, archangel, Gabriel, Michæl, Raphaël? No, only Christ. I rejoice that it is He, and He alone, for two reasons. First, what is given to Him. Second, what He gives. What is given to Him would not be appropriate for another. No other could call it forth, such love, such devotion. When I hear what some women are doing for foreign missions I exult in knowing the costliness of their gifts, because they are for him. Keshub Chunder Sen declared in a passage of rare eloquence that his native India was a bright gem, not for England's crown.

"No, India is for Christ and Christ alone. He shall have this bright gem for His crown." When I think of the woman's alabaster box of precious ointment, its sweetest fragrance is in the fact that it was for Him. Paul's life was a rare gift, all for Christ: and Carey's, Duff's, Livingston's Moffat's, Bushnell's, Bishop Hannington's. (Wonderful how many of the King's jewels are laid in the casket of Africa!) Precious the gifts of Harriet Newell, the Judsons, Fidelia Fisk, Mary Campbell. Mary Campbell said, "I give my youth because it is the best I have, I give it all to Christ," and such gifts, fresh and fragrant, of young lives consecrated and cultured, are being offered still. He is worthy. They love to give and He loves to receive.

But what does the Redeemer of God's elect give back?

Redemption implies a price. He paid it. How much, we cannot tell. Arithmetic fails; it gives long columns of figures, but not long enough to express such a value as that. It calculates the eons of the stars, but not the years of our Redeemer's love from eternity to eternity; and He is giving all the time, sweet, tender, loving sympathy, for we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities. Don't you love to think of Him so, this only Redeemer of God's elect; is He not unspeakably precious

because He has so much to give? His patient, loving, tender kindness is the joy and marvel of our hearts.

I have lately heard this story: A gentleman of wealth and benevolence traveling in Europe, became interested in schools for the improvement of imbecile and idiot children. He studied their methods thoroughly, and returning to this country he started such an institution, and advertised for the very worst and most hopeless cases to be sent to his care. There came a child in answer to this strange invitation, a boy five or six years old, who had never walked or spoken, or voluntarily moved a single muscle or made any sign of feeling or intelligence. The case was hopeless, a mind so inaccessible must be forever dormant or extinct, and it was waste of effort to try to reach it or affect it. But this loving benefactor would spend all his energies of skill and strength and love to benefit the poor unfortunate. He lavished on him every kindness, and for six months would lie down close to the boy's side every day for several hours. For the improvement of the time he would read aloud. There was no response whatever. One day, feeling very weary, he omitted to read. The child was very much affected, grew uneasy and restless, as if missing something. The gentleman noticed a great effort, and putting his mouth near the boy's hand, the fingers were placed upon his lips, as much as to say that he wished he would make that sound again. The gentleman felt that this act was the beginning of a new life, and that his efforts were already crowned with success.

The narrator of the story tells of hearing and seeing this boy four years afterwards. He stood on a public platform and recited the names of the presidents of the United states and answered intelligently any question asked him. He said the marvelous and unspeakable gratitude which that redeemed child owed to his benefactor would exceed anything known in the history of the world, for no such kindness ever was or could be. Who, in this utilitarian world would do so much with no promise whatever of return? But the only Redeemer of God's elect did all that, and more than that. In the conde-

scension of a common humanity he lay down by our side, and we were blind and dumb, senseless and dead, for long years, perhaps, before we said "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth."

Such is Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer of God's elect, and such is His love for every human soul.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The spontaneous gratitude of many guests has already gone out toward their entertainers in this hospitable city. The Committee need only formulate the unspoken thanks, and every heart will respond with cordial emphasis.

All delegates have looked forward to this annual assembly with bright anticipations, but after the initial excitement of arrival and assignment was over, and we found ourselves welcomed and "homed," and surrounded with this atmosphere of genial friendliness, and entered upon the enjoyment of the feast, the realization exceeded the expectation.

So many agencies have ministered to the profit and pleasantness of this occasion that for sake of completeness we must particularize.

Therefore, Resolved, That thanks be heartily tendered to the members of this church for their generous welcome and lavish entertainment and all the kindly offices that have made the relation of hosts and guests delightful.

To the pastor of the church for his constant and ready assistance during the meetings, and also to all those gentlemen who were associated with him upon the Reception Committee, who were so assiduous in attentions to the arriving guests.

To the city for special courtesies extended to visiting delegates.

To the citizens of Davenport and Rock Island for substantial manifestations of hospitable interest.

To the officers of the Episcopal Church for the use of the Guild Hall.

To the choirs who gave valuable assistance in the service of song—"As well the singers as the players upon instruments."

To the young men who assisted in the adorning of the walls and beautifying the place of the sanctuary, and also rendered other services.

To the young ladies and to the "little men and women" who have been so alert and ready to serve in various ways through these busy days.

To the press, for courtesies extended and valued, and indispensable aid.

To the railway companies and Mr. Cable, for reductions in the rates of travel. And finally and comprehensively,

To all who have in any wise contributed to the smoothness and success of the proceedings, to all the co-workers who sacrificed their own convenience, and whose nameless and minute plannings and care-taking would have been missed, if lacking; to these we extend our grateful and appreciative acknowledgments and say to all, as we go our ways: "The blessing of the Lord be upon you, we bless you in the name of the Lord.

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ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Society shall be a *President*, six or more *Vice-Presidents*—two of them, at least, to be residents of Chicago—three or more *Corresponding Secretaries*, a *Recording Secretary*, a *Treasurer*, sixteen or more *Managers* and an *Auditor*. These officers shall be elected at each annual meeting, and shall constitute an *Executive Committee*, with power to appoint such sub-committees from their number as shall be necessary for the furtherance of the work in which the Society is engaged. They shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in the Board, and of appointing corresponding members when the interests of the Society demand it.

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ARTICLE VII.

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ARTICLE VIII.

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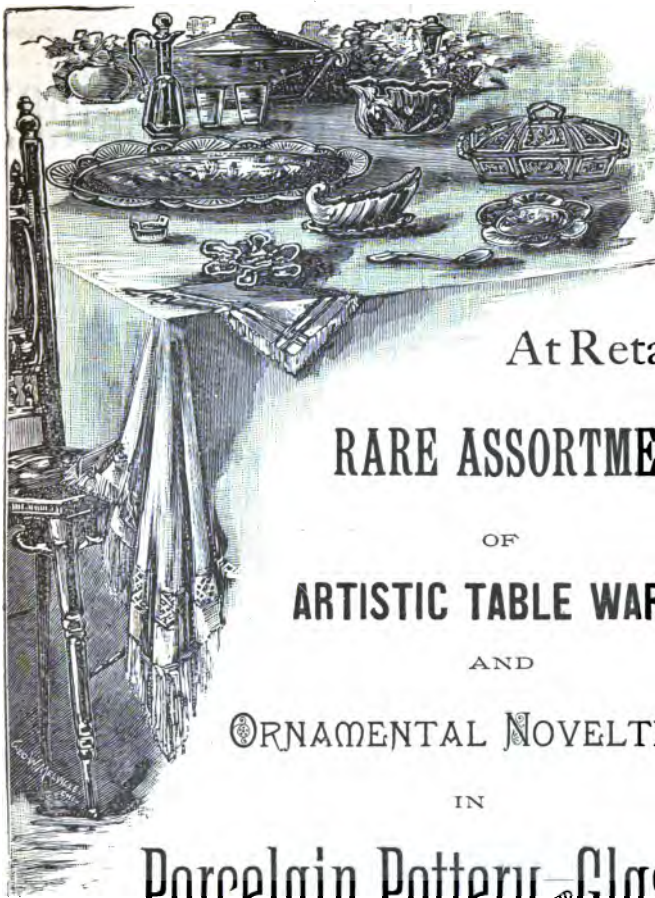
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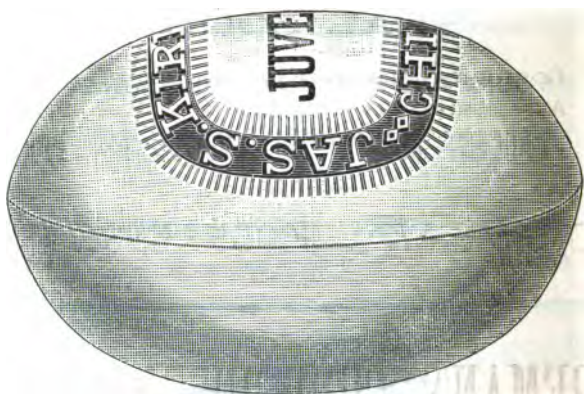
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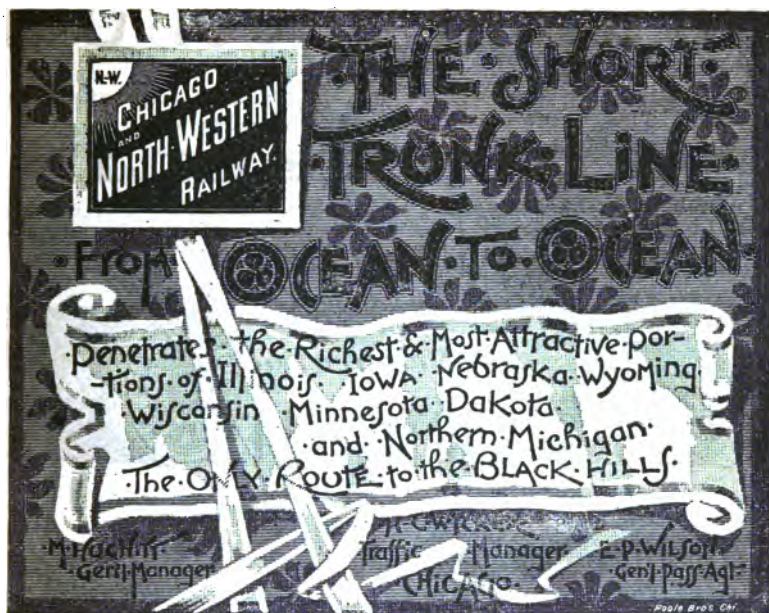
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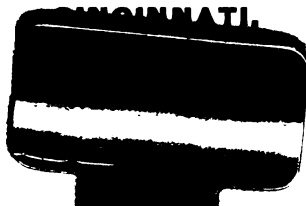
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